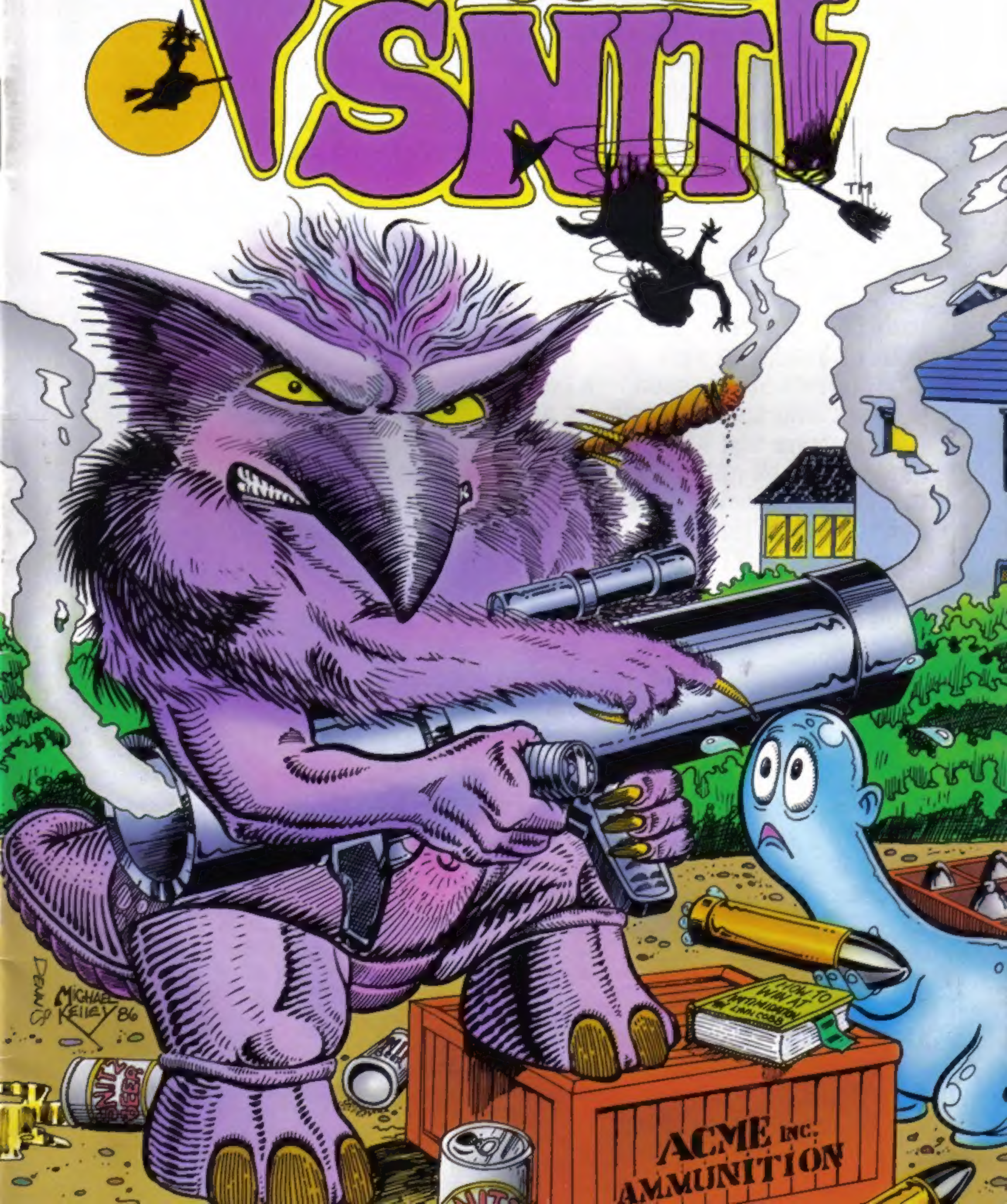




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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of the **TWISTED TANTRUMS OF THE PURPLE SNIT!** We hope you enjoy our Halloween Special, and make some new friends, the Purple Snit, his buddy the Blue Funk and of course Snit's pet, the Biting Wit.

There were lots of trials and tribulations in getting this first book to gel, but with the dedication and help of some fantastic people, here it is! First of all, Bruce Patterson (inker extraordinaire and co-creator of the Snit) couldn't take on the illustration chores, due to prior contractual obligations. Our loss, for it was his artistic talents that brought the Purple Snit to life. Bruce, thanks for the generosity of the use of the characters, even if you couldn't draw them!

Second, with deadlines rapidly approaching, the search for a penciller and inker (which took all of 4 or 5 minutes). To our rescue came Dennis Francis of "Street Wolf" fame and Michael Kelley of "Cold-Blooded Chameleon Commandos" fame. Dennis and Mike, you guys are the BEST! Loads of thanks and praise for a job well done — and under the guns of deadlines yet!

To John Stephenson — a book well written, my good man (who was the jerk who said "3rd time's a charm"?). A great joint effort!

Just one last paragraph of thank you's. Paul Tallerday thanks for listening to all my griping; Barbara Marker for spending $\frac{3}{4}$ of her life beautifully coloring the cover art; Steve Schanes and Ann Fera for the opportunity of letting a measly production manager, package/edit and co-write a comic. **IT WORKED!!!**

I'd personally like to urge everybody to buy a ton of Snit #1 ... or I'll send the Purple Snit to your neck of the woods to do a little (?) damage!

Lynn Cobb
— Editor

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TRICK OR Treat

HALLOWEEN'S A BUSY
HOLIDAY, 'SPECIALLY FOR
A GUY LIKE ME. NAME'S
HAMSTER. I WORK VICE.

USUALLY I WORK
OUT OF SWAMP INDIGO. BUT
WHEN A CALL CAME IN ABOUT A
DISTURBANCE IN SNITTSBURGH,
I FIGURED IT HAD TO BE MY
OLD BUDDY, THE SNIT.
CALL IT ...
A HUNCH.

WHEN I GOT HERE,
IT WAS QUIET. WELL, AS
QUIET AS IT EVER GETS
AROUND THIS PLACE.
WAY I HEARD IT,
IT ALL STARTED...

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OCTOBER 31ST. HALLOWEEN. A NIGHT FOR SPOOKS, SPECTERS, GOBLINS AND GHOULIES

... AND ONE VERY SPECIAL
SNIT.

CLANG! BOOM! TANG! BOOM! DASH! BOOM!

OH LORD,
WHAT IS THAT
MANIAC UP
TO NOW?

...BABY BRIND IS DOWN
FOLKS. WHAT A MATCH
THIS IS!!!

DOON! FASHOON! BATANG! KASH!

KARASHBOOMBAM!

I KNOW I'M GOING
TO REGRET THIS,
BUT WHATCHA
UP TO NOW?

OH, HI
FUNK!

JUST GETTIN'
SET TO WELCOME ALL
THOSE PRANKSTERS
TONIGHT. C'MON OUT,
I'LL SHOW YA
HOW IT
WORKS!

THIS IS PROBABLY
A GOOD TIME TO
REARRANGE MY
SOCK
DRAWER.

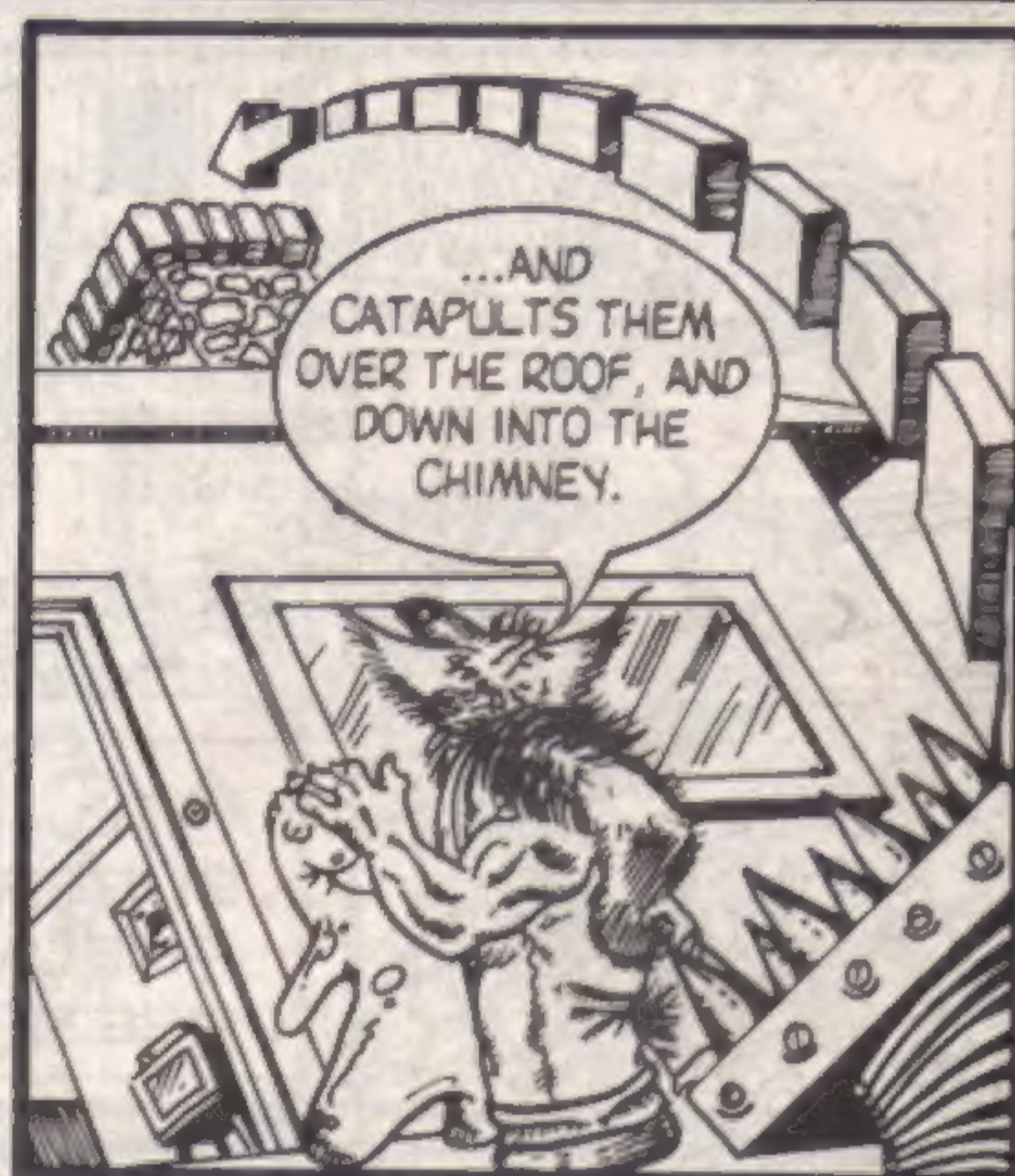
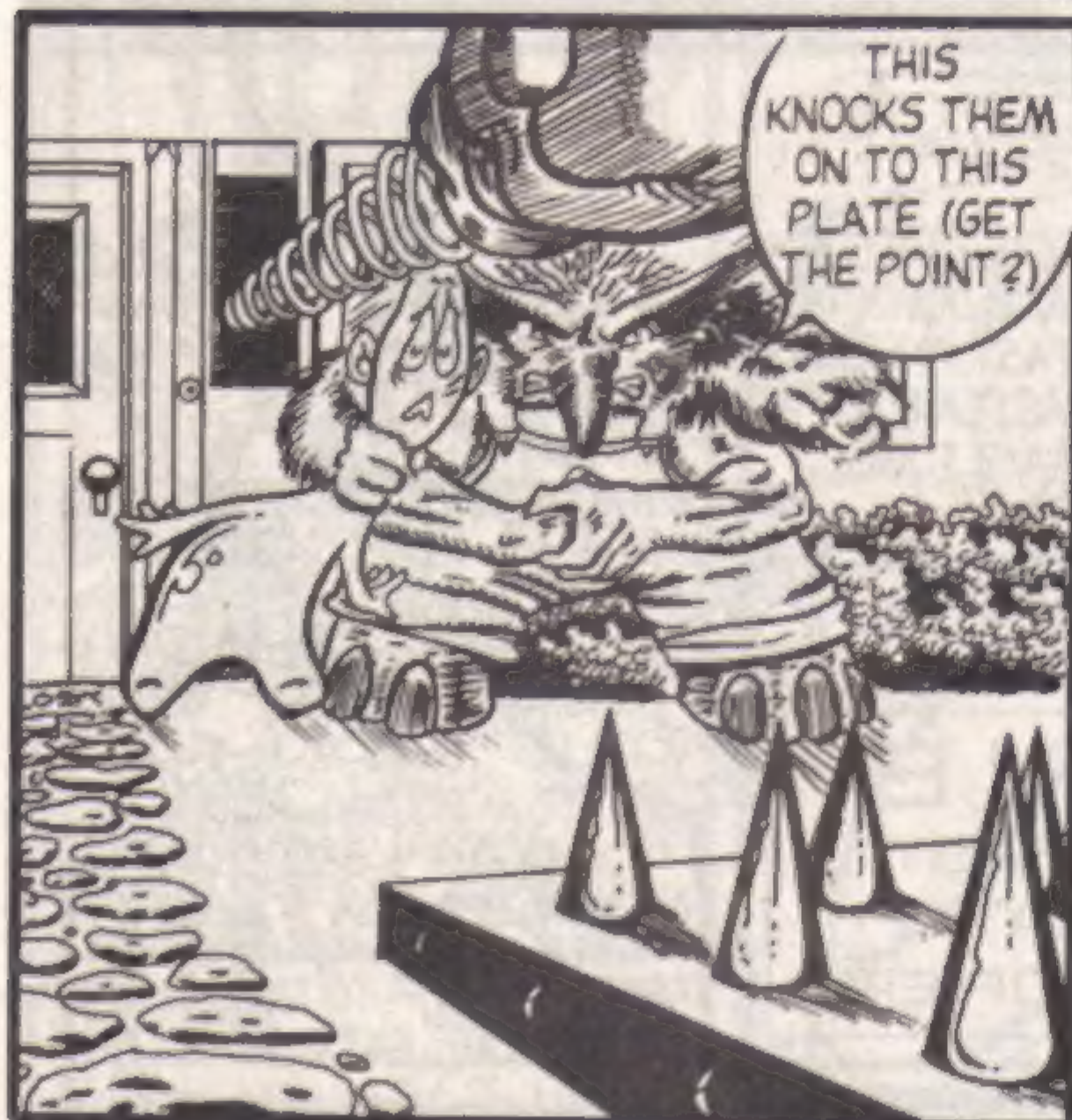
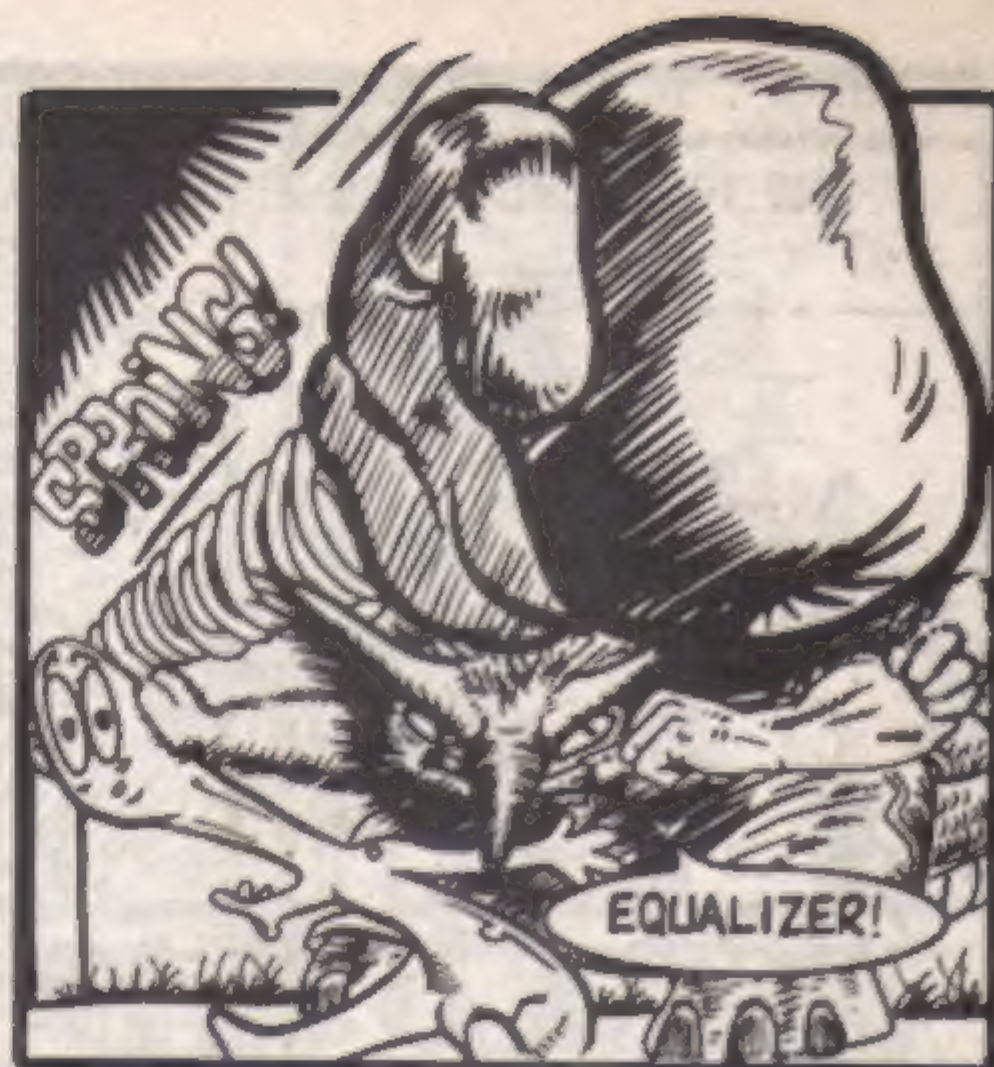
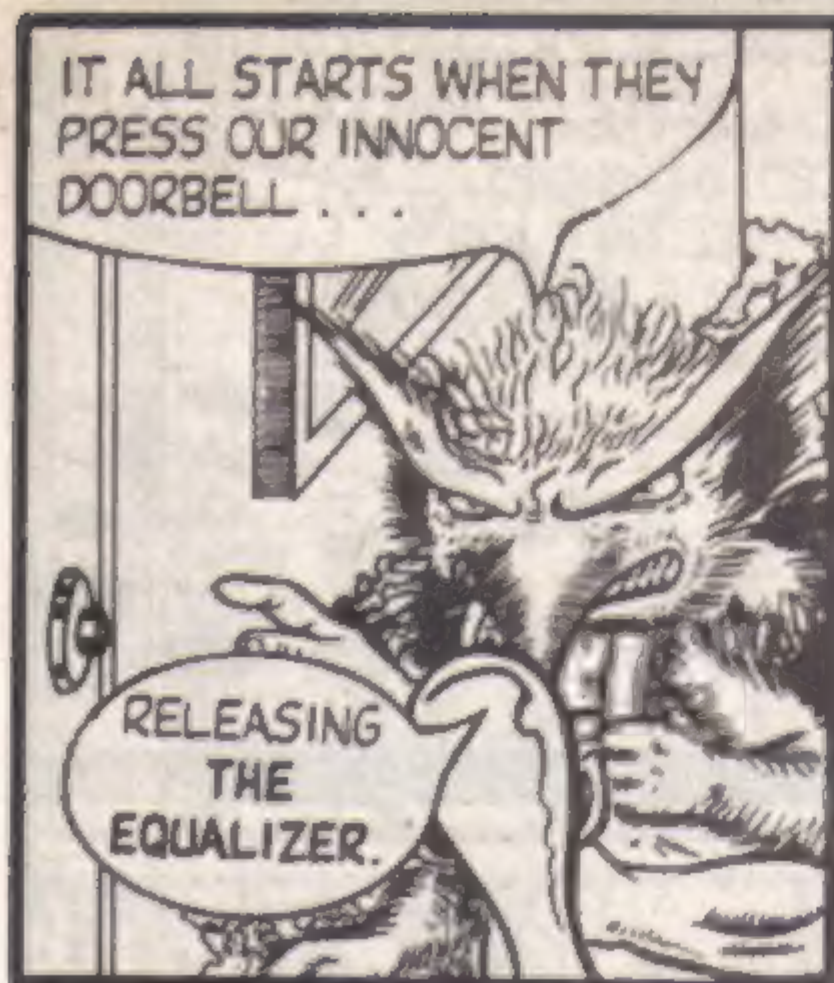
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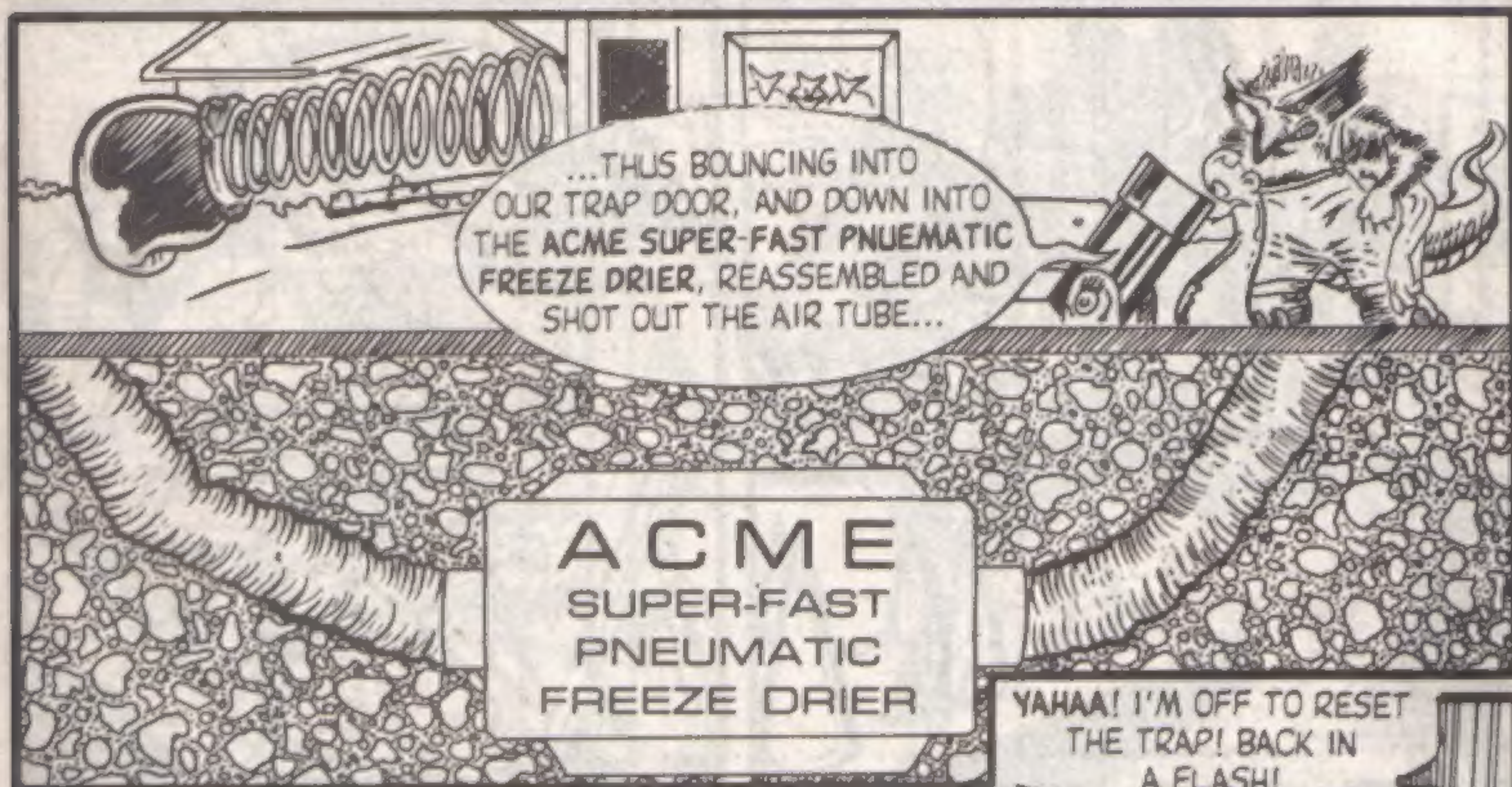
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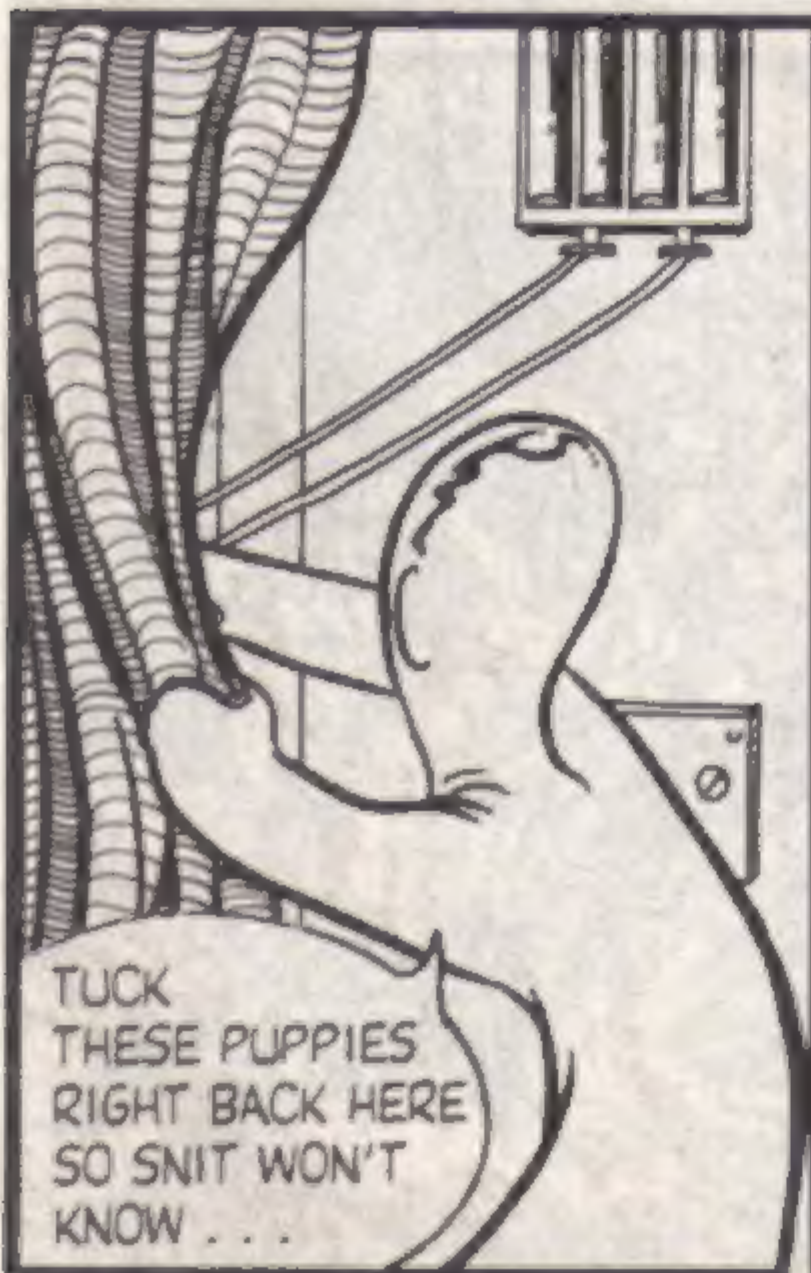
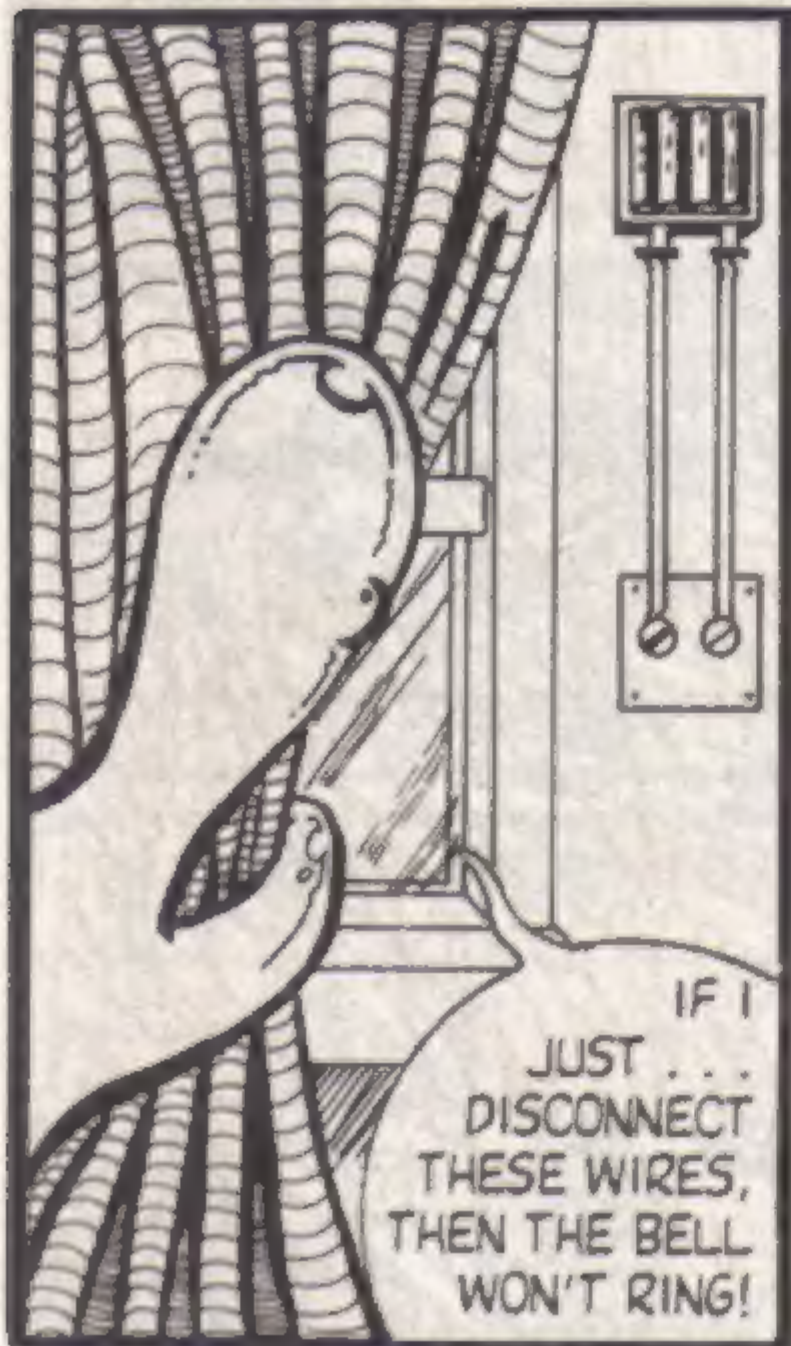
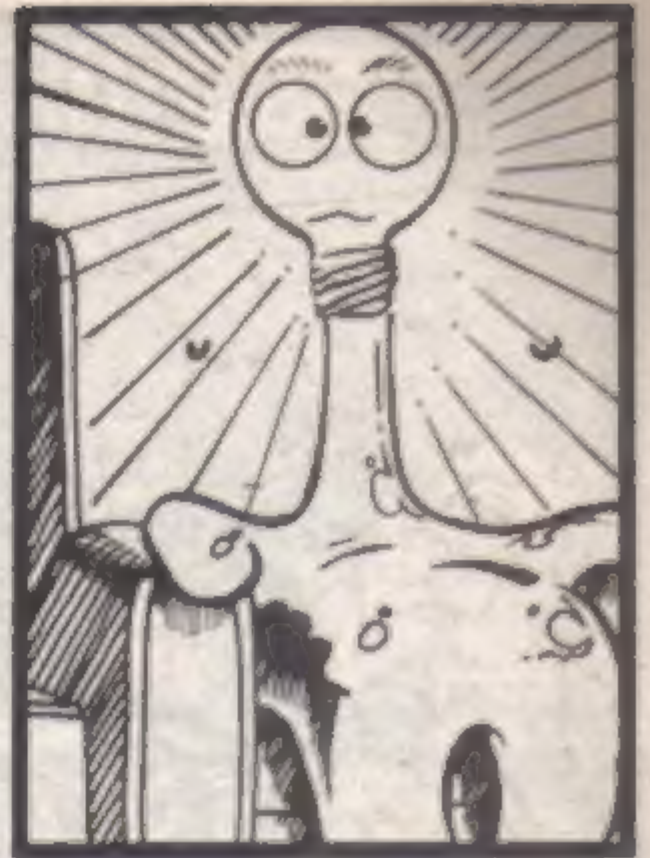
ZIP!

YA REMEMBER LAST
YEAR, THE UMBER RUM-
BLERS TRASHED OUR
PLACE? WELL, IT AIN'T
GONNA HAPPEN TONIGHT!

LEMME SHOW
YA!





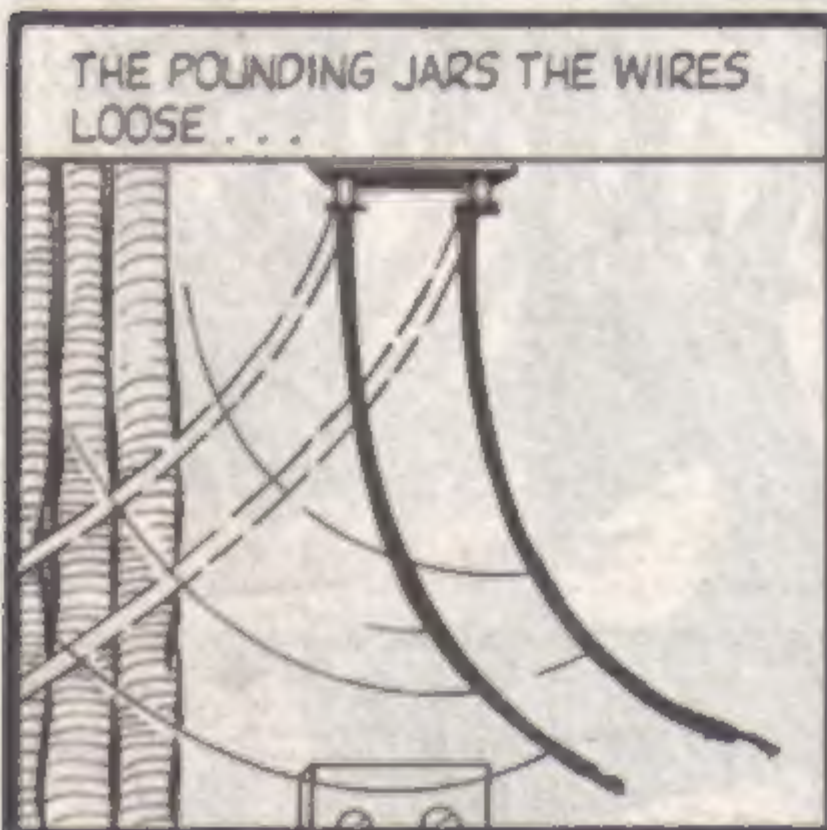


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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA...
AND WITH THE
SAME RESULT.







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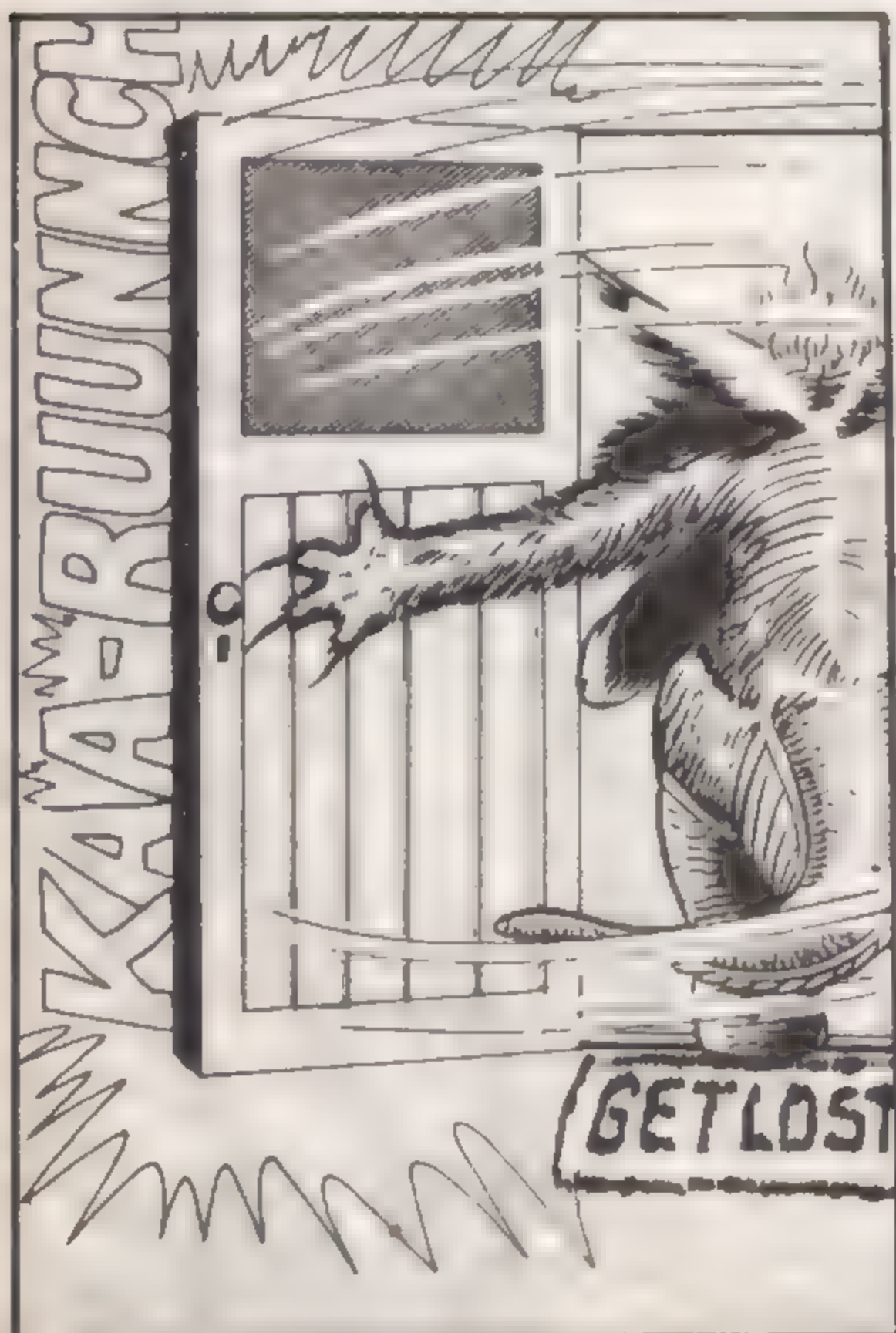
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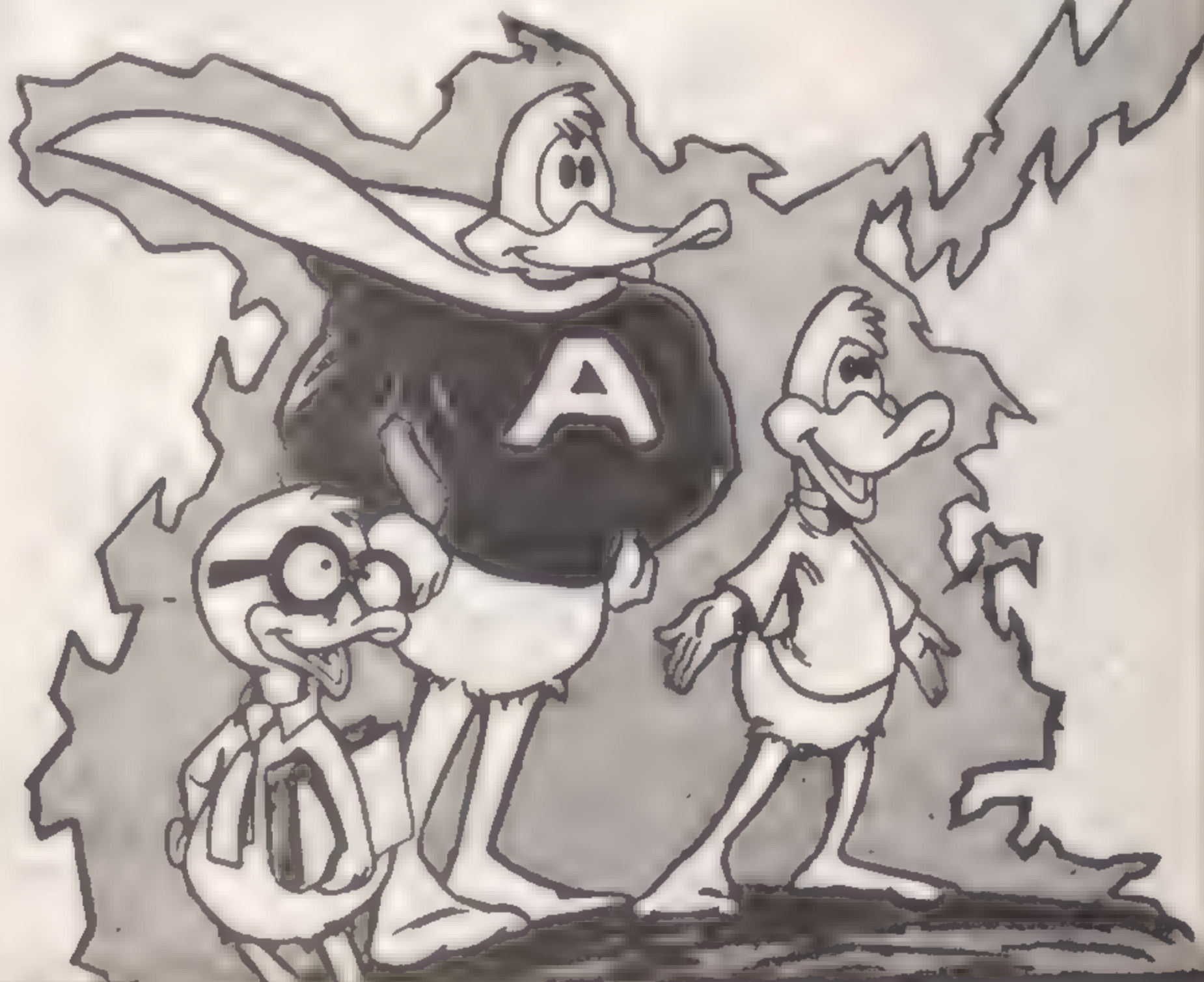
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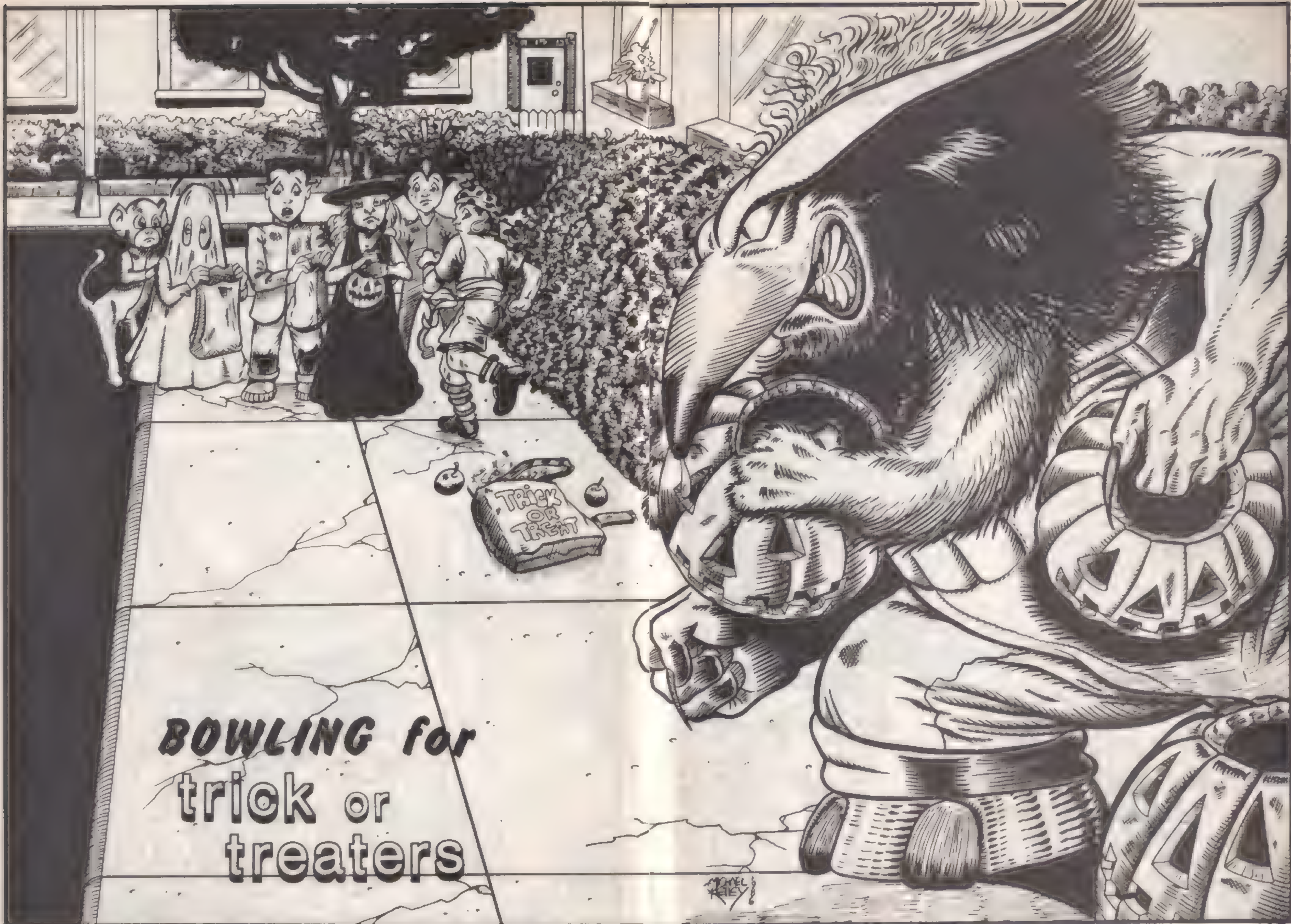
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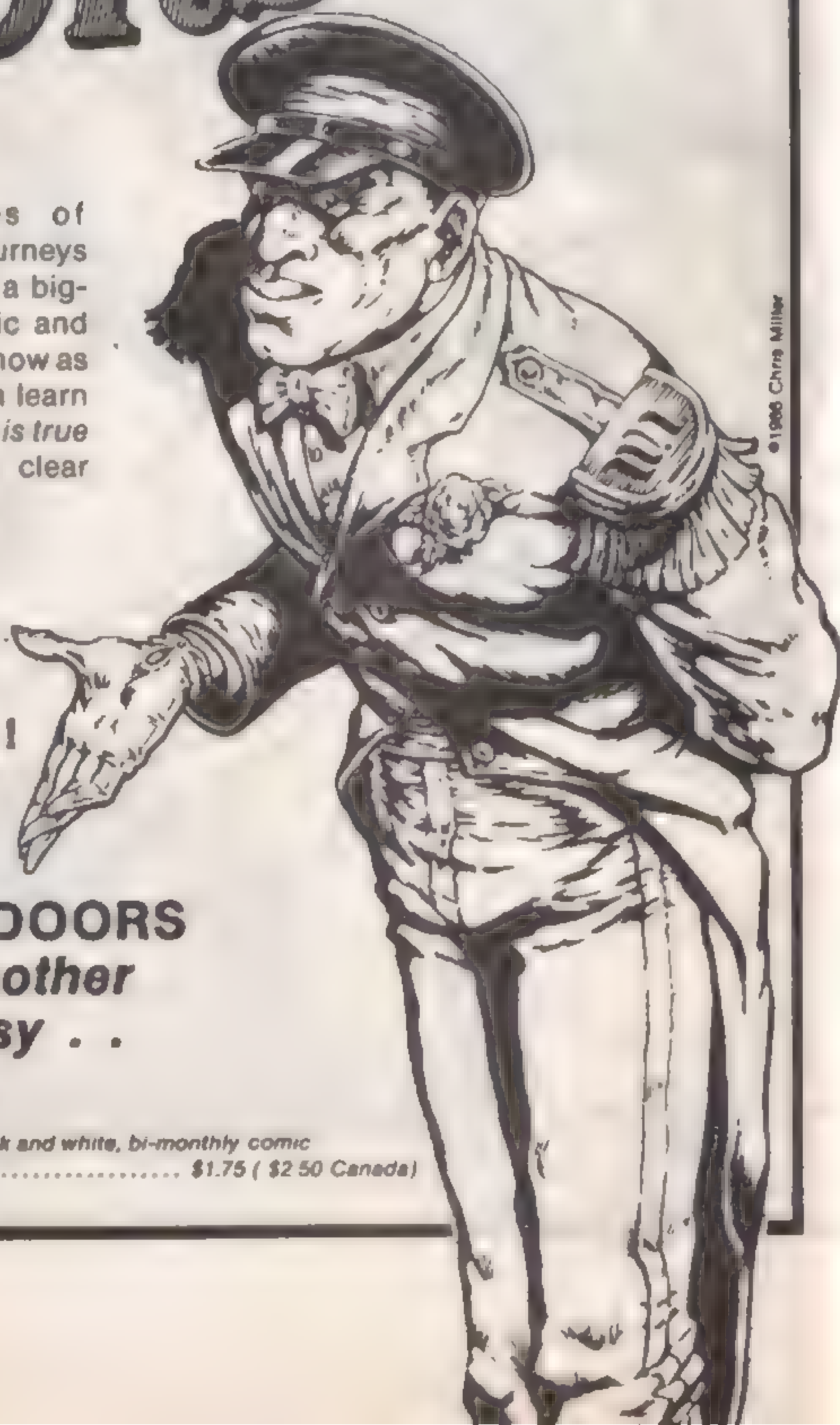
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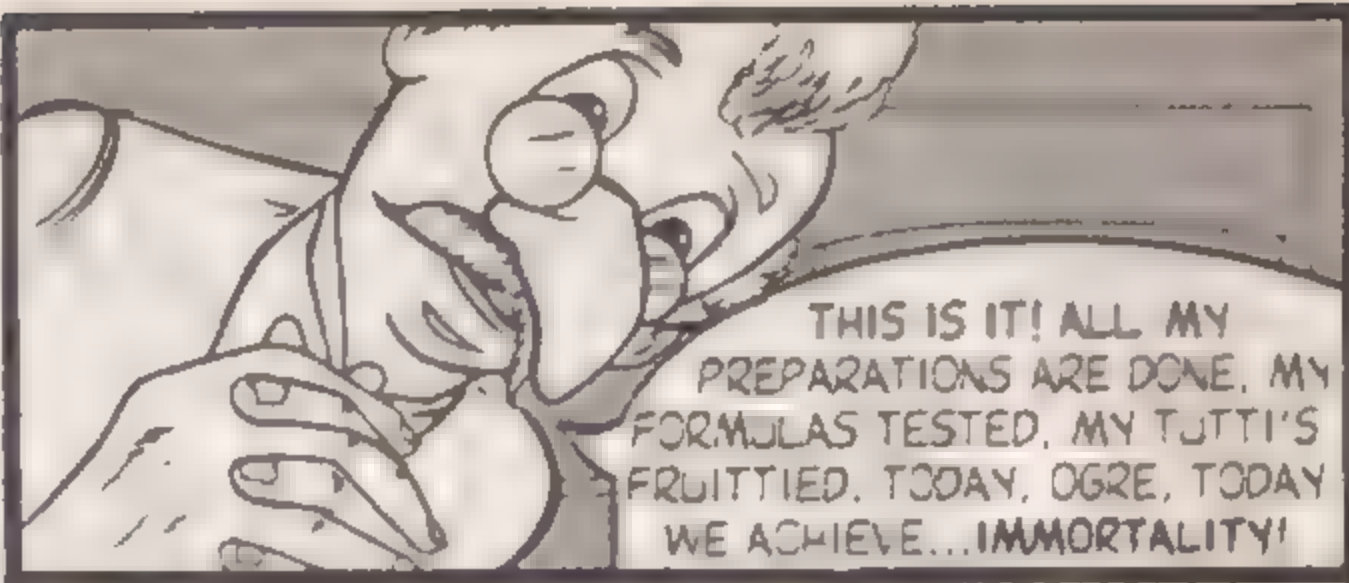
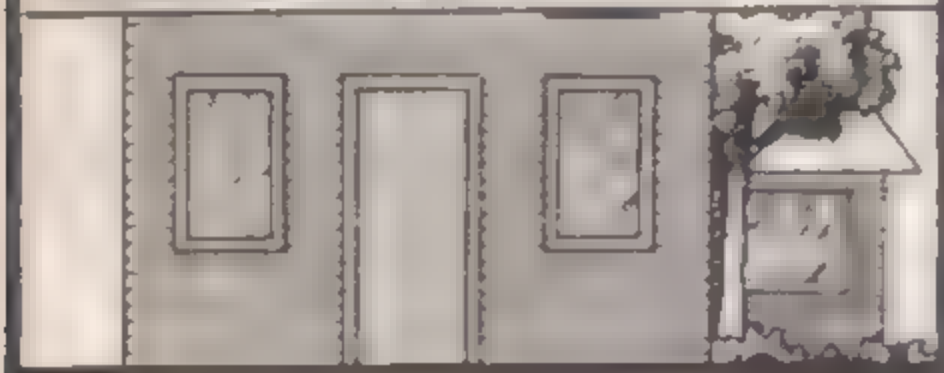
With Great POWER, Comes Great Chuckles!!



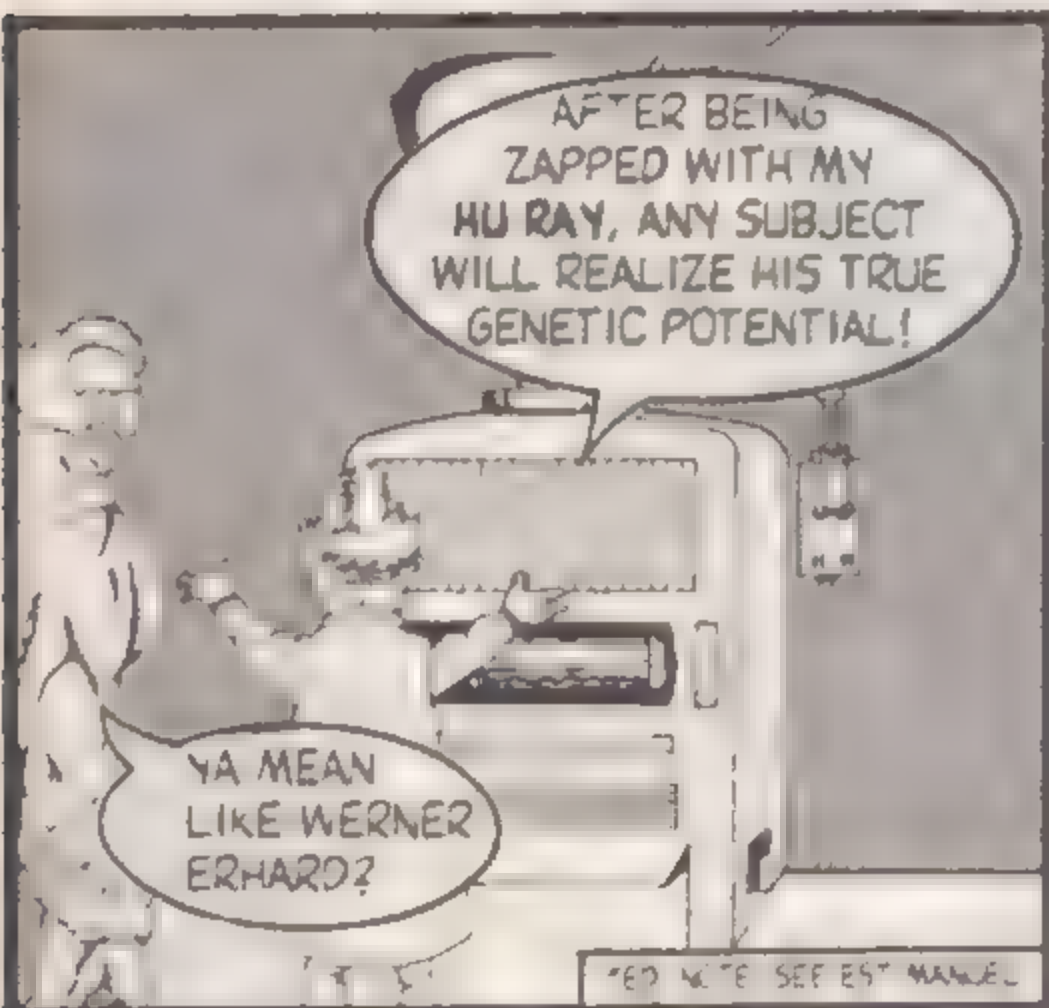
FEW PEOPLE KNOW (AND LESS CARE) THAT NEXT DOOR TO OUR PALS ...



...IS THE HOME AND LAB OF THE DIDACTIC
DR. FUSCHIA BRIKSHY AND HIS BUCOLIC
ASSISTANT, THE OGRE OGRE.



THIS IS IT! ALL MY
PREPARATIONS ARE DONE, MY
FORMULAS TESTED, MY TUTTI'S
FRUITTIED. TODAY, OGRE, TODAY
WE ACHIEVE... IMMORTALITY!



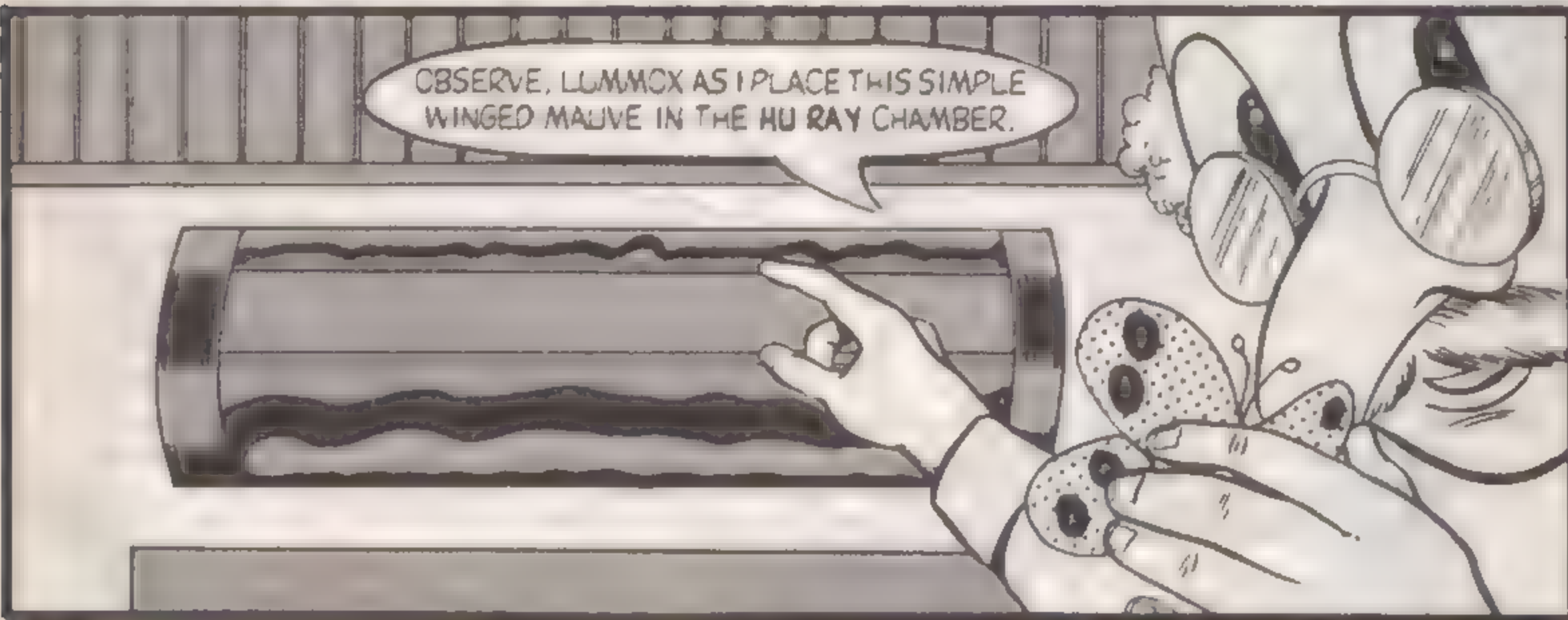
AFTER BEING
ZAPPED WITH MY
HU RAY, ANY SUBJECT
WILL REALIZE HIS TRUE
GENETIC POTENTIAL!

YA MEAN
LIKE WERNER
ERHARD?

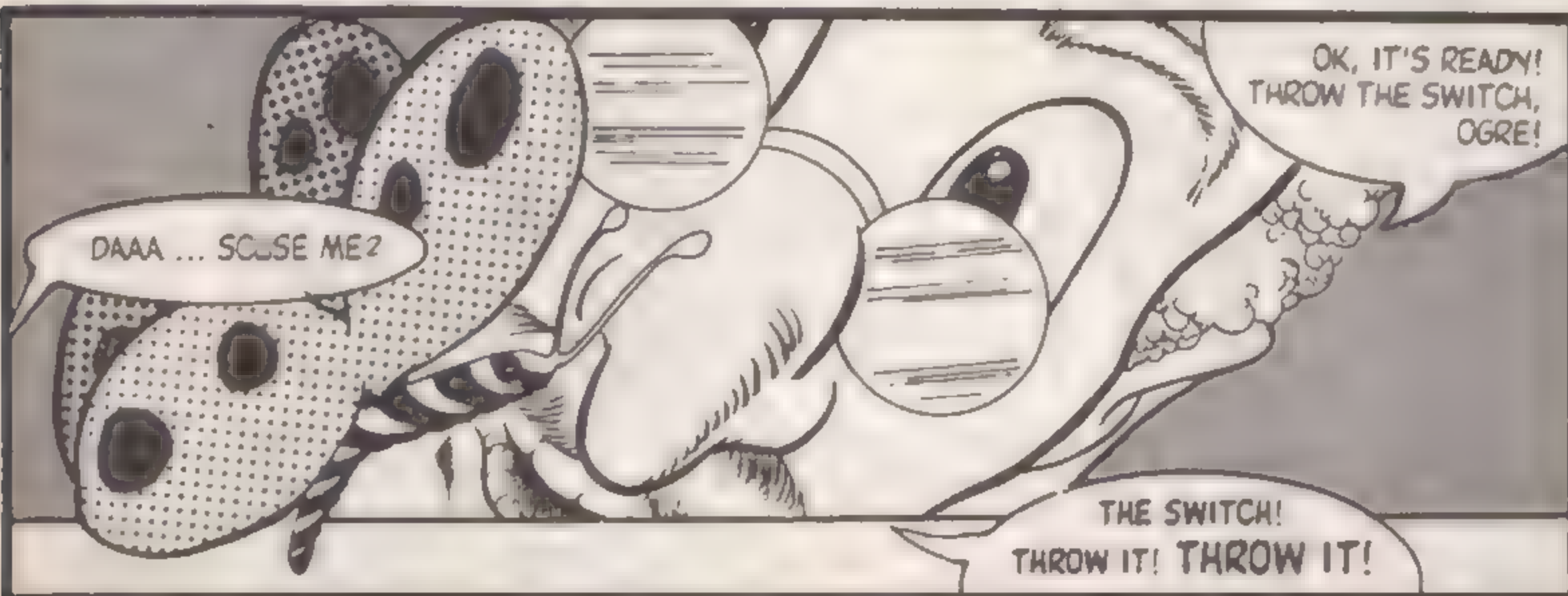
ED NOTE SEE EST MANUAL



WHY? WHY,
DIDN'T I CALL
KELLY GIRLS?



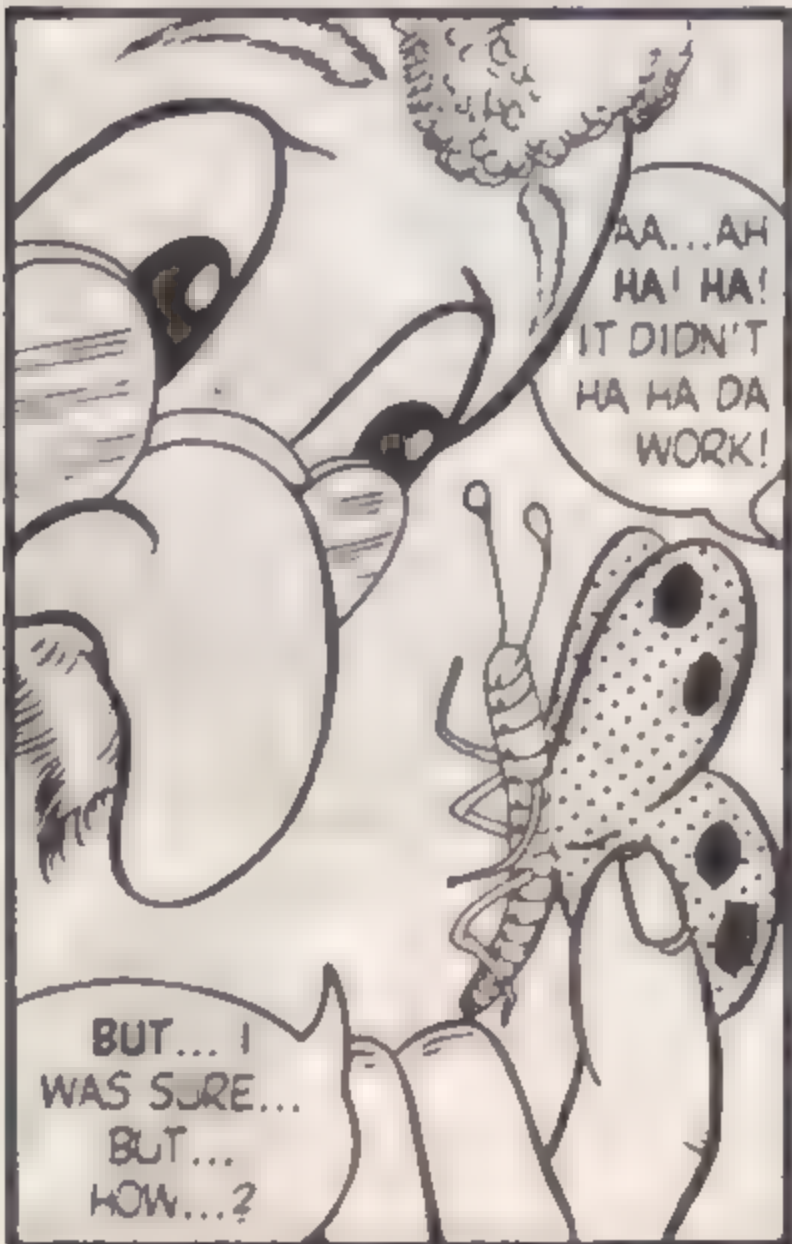
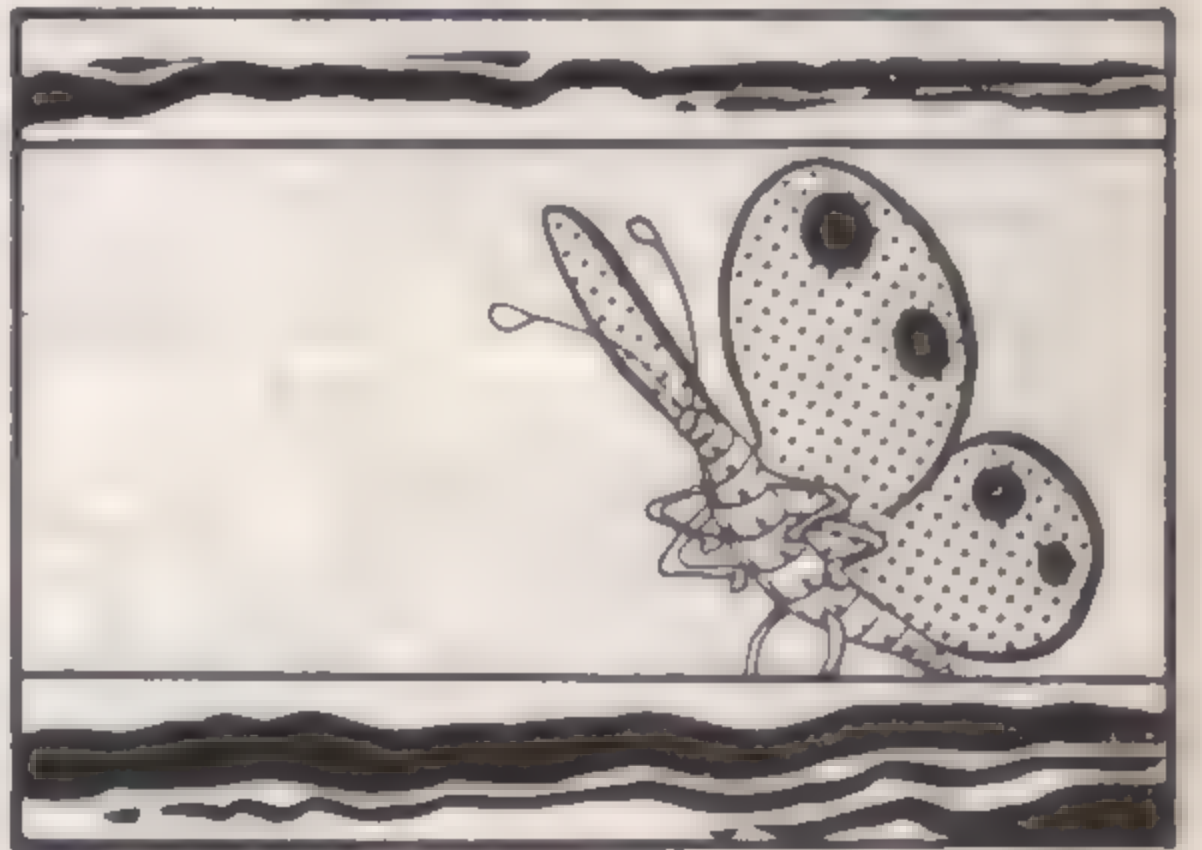
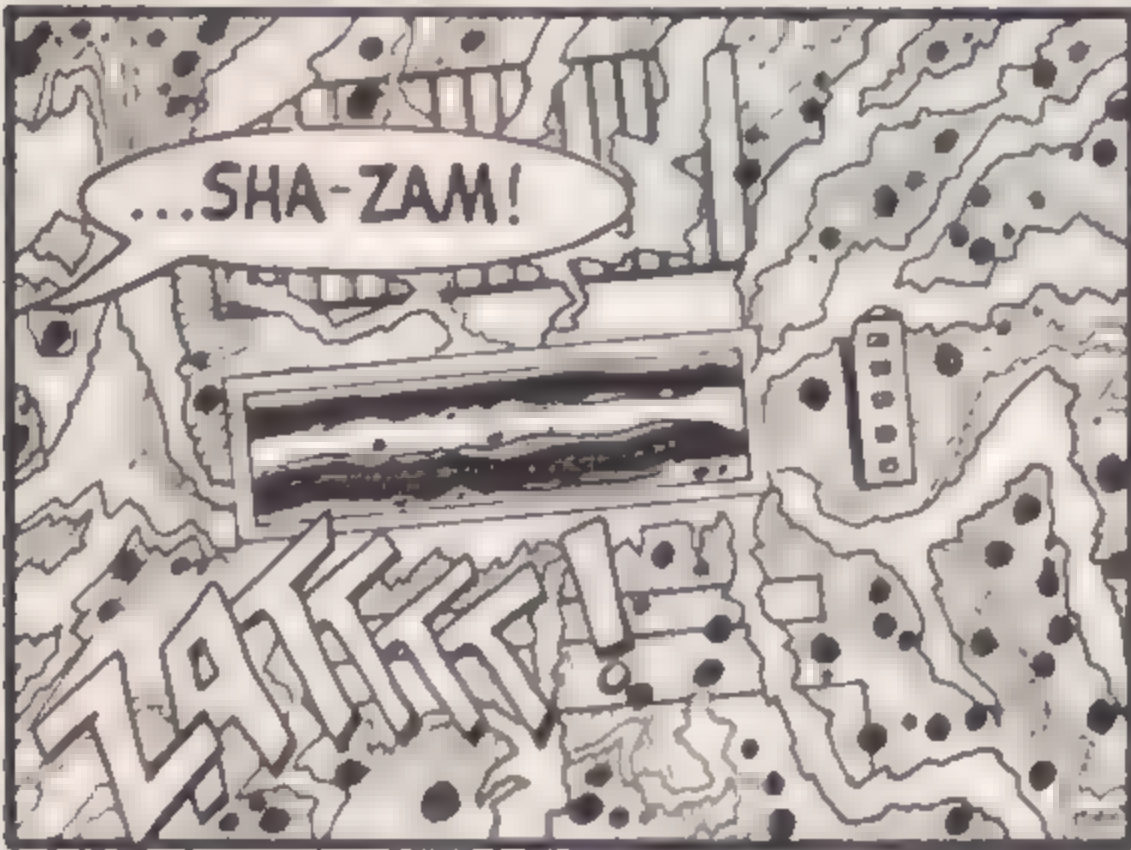
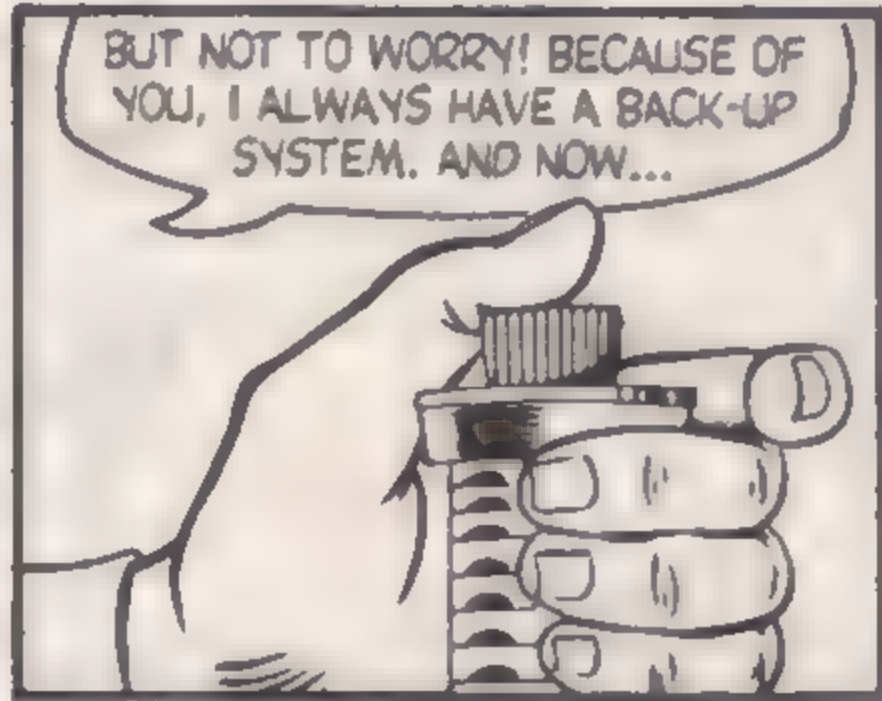
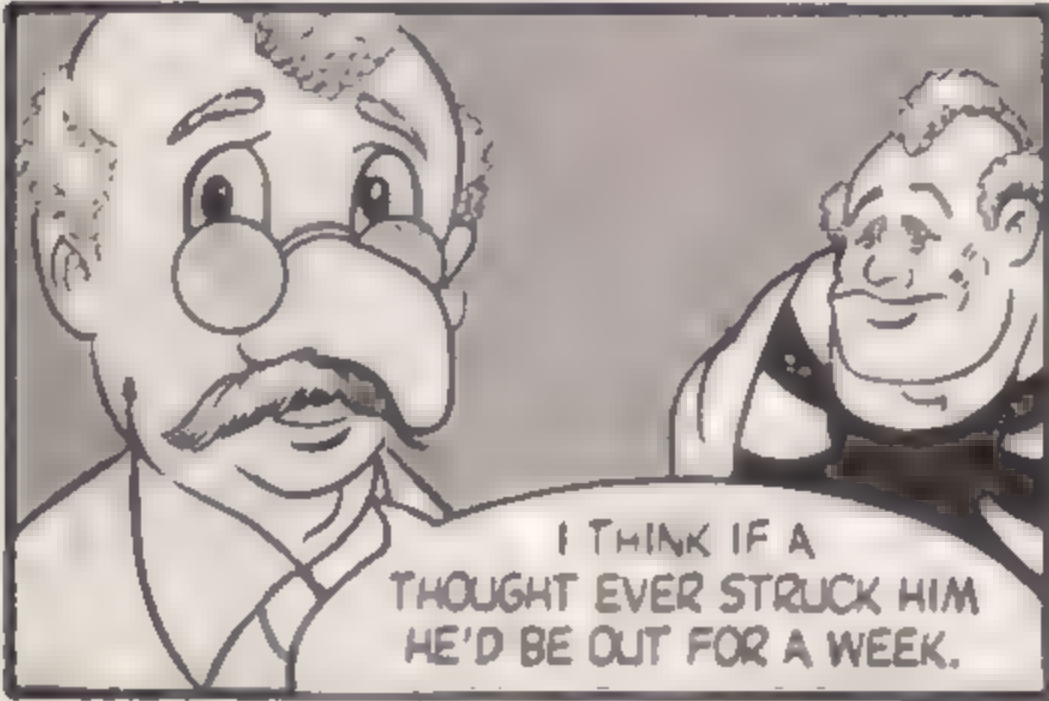
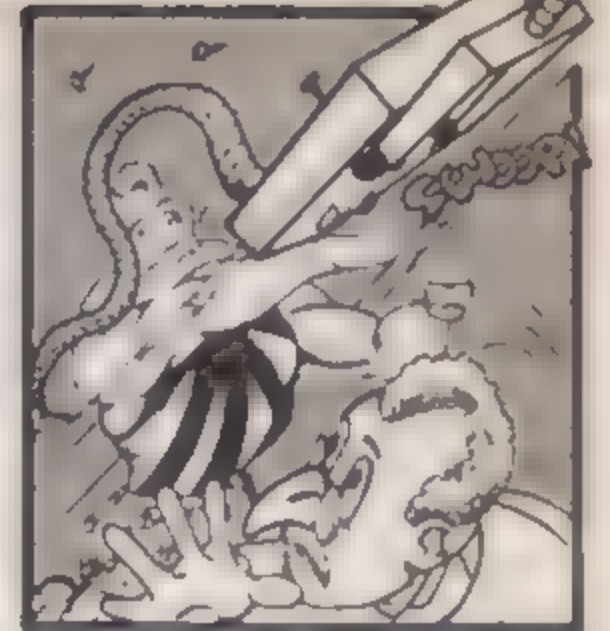
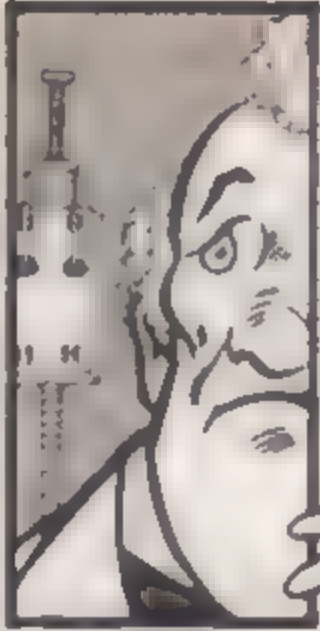
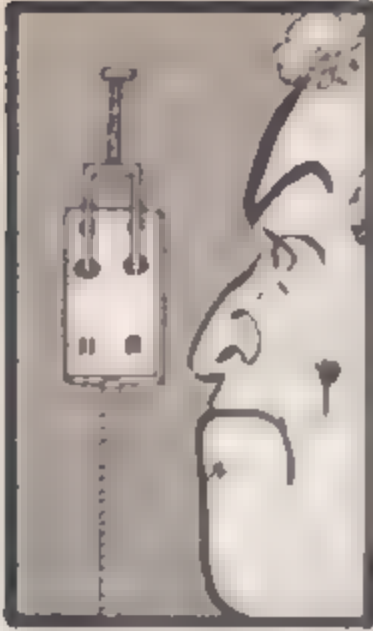
OBSERVE, LUMMOX AS I PLACE THIS SIMPLE
WINGED MAJIVE IN THE HU RAY CHAMBER.

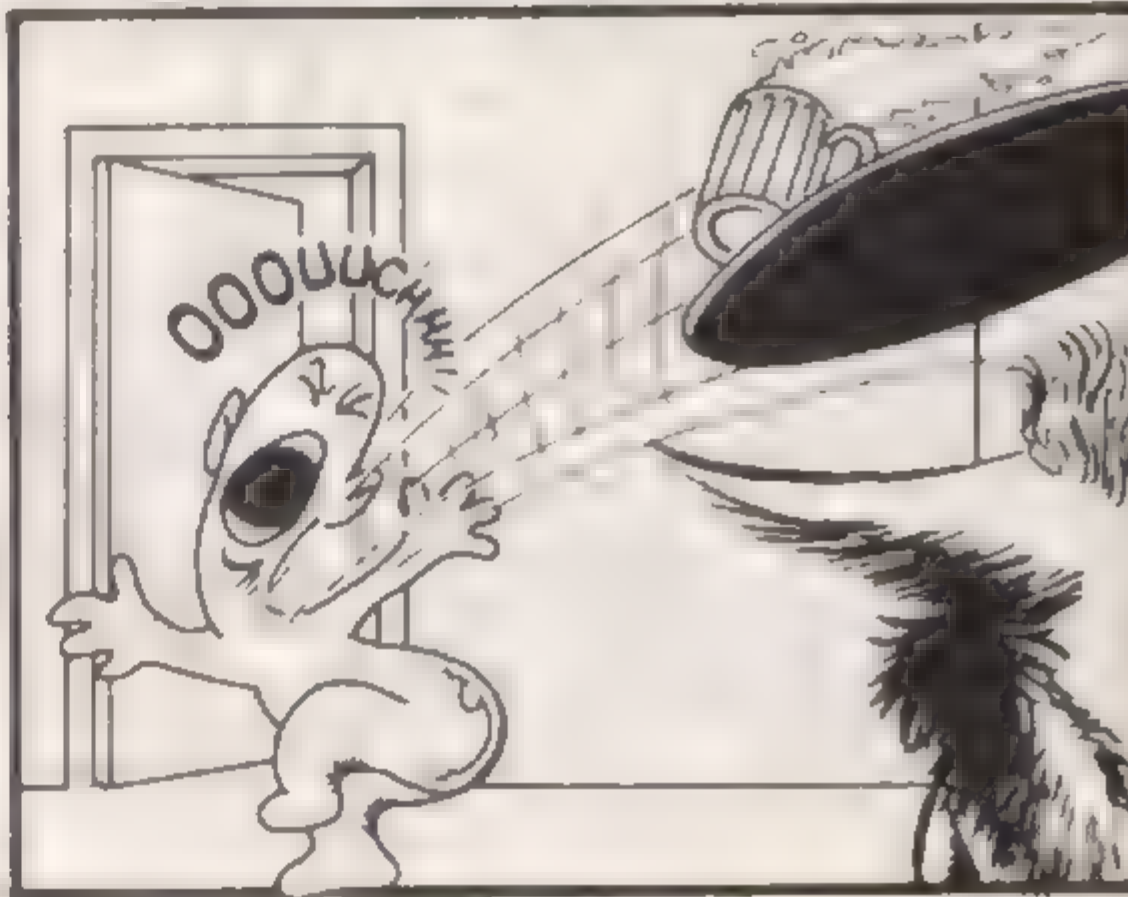
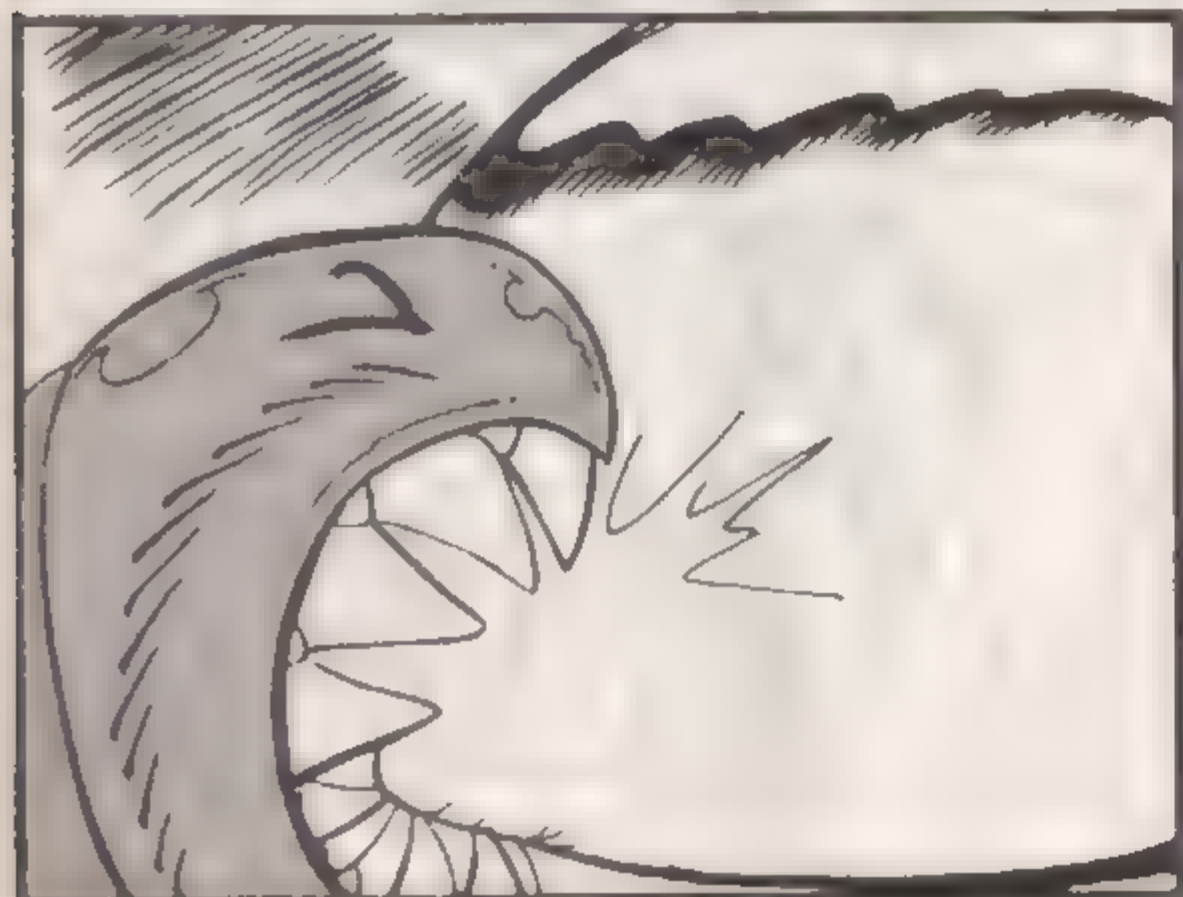
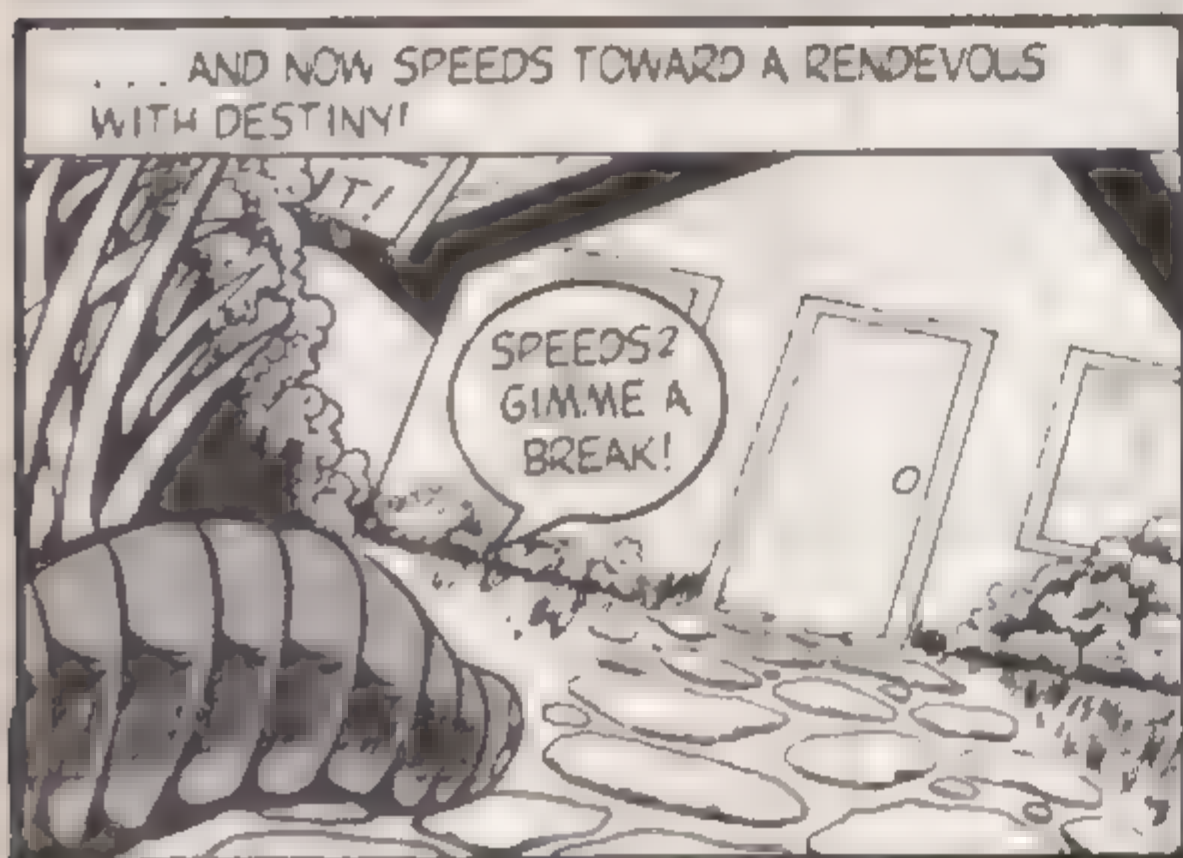
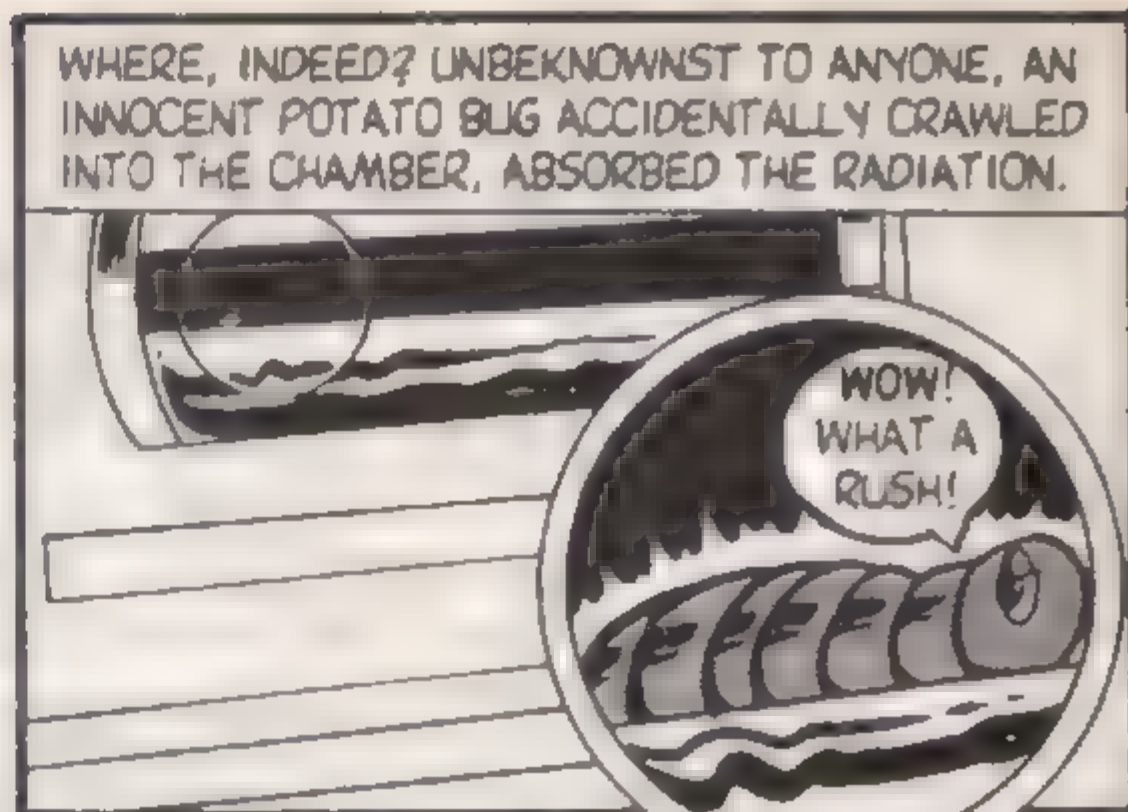
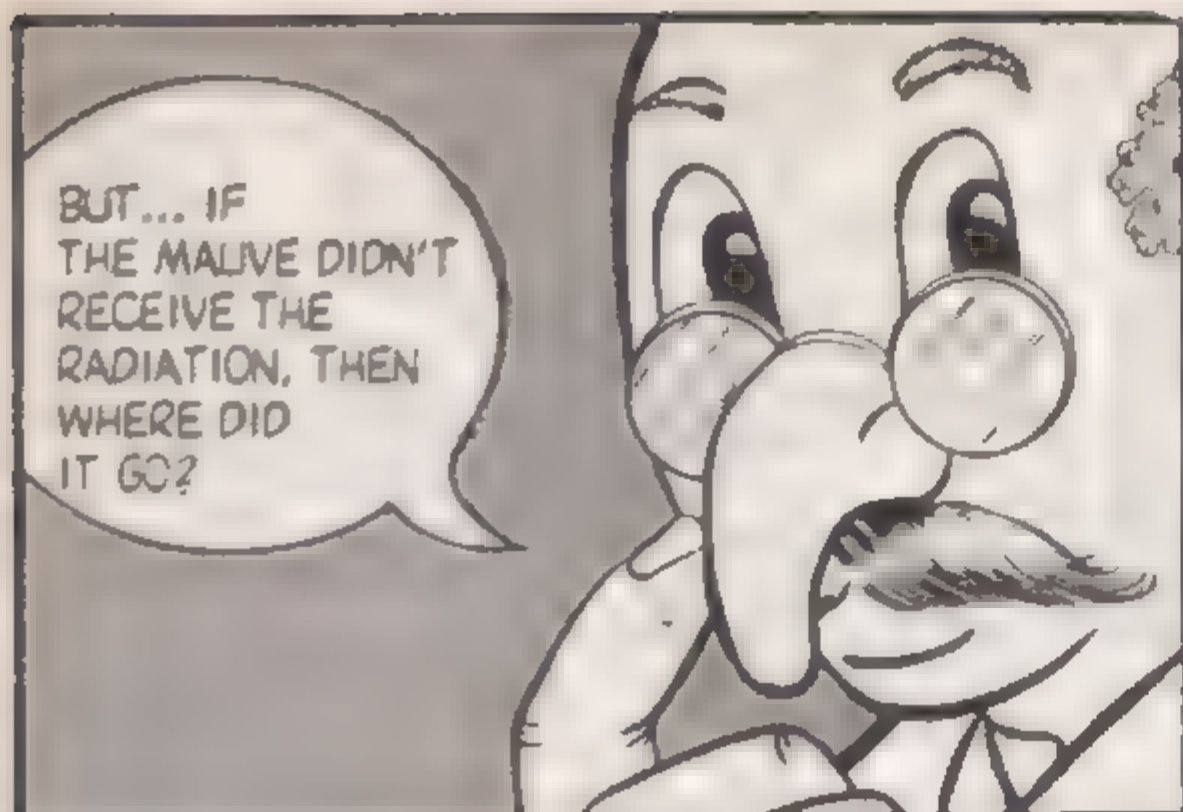


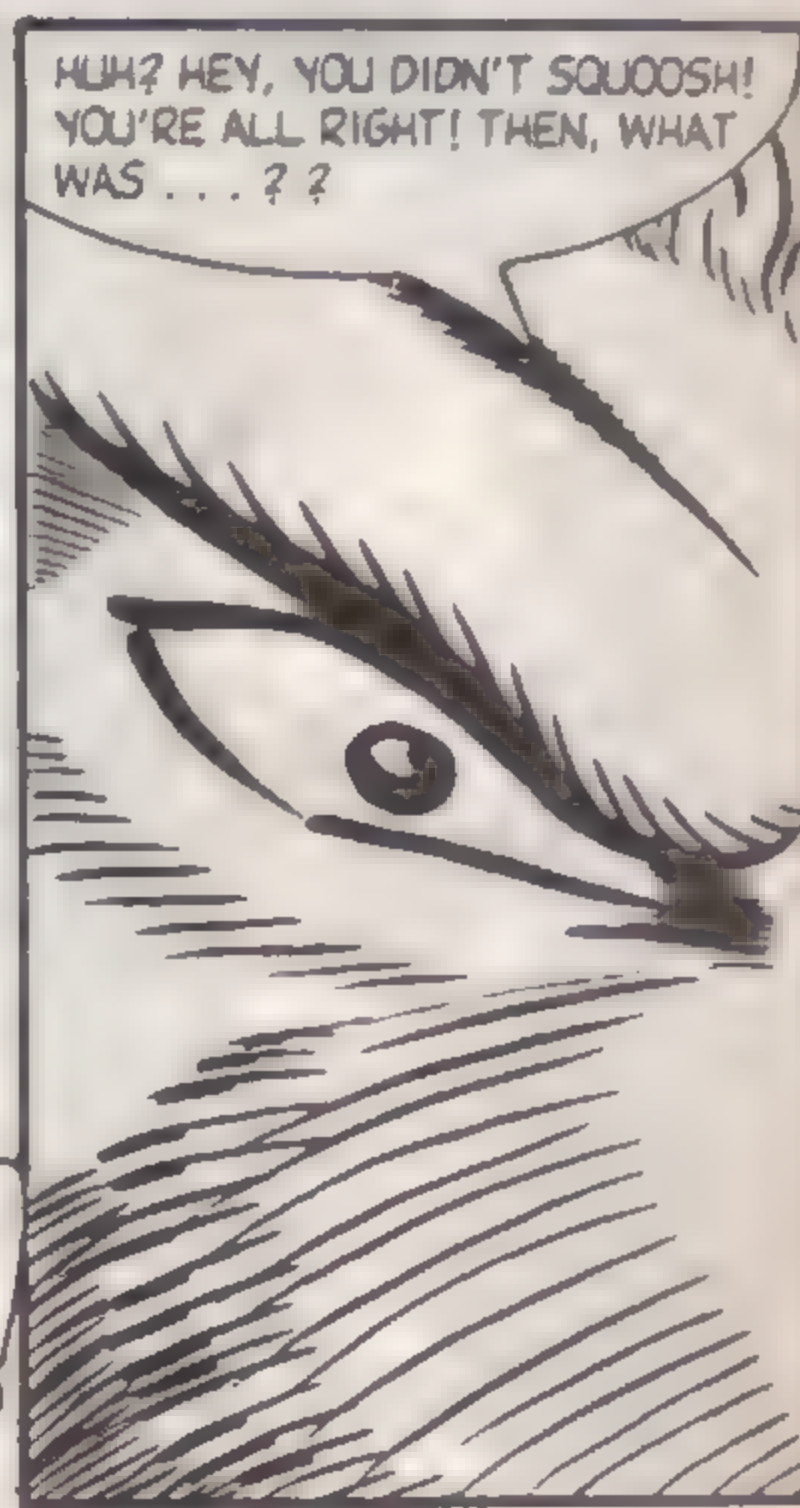
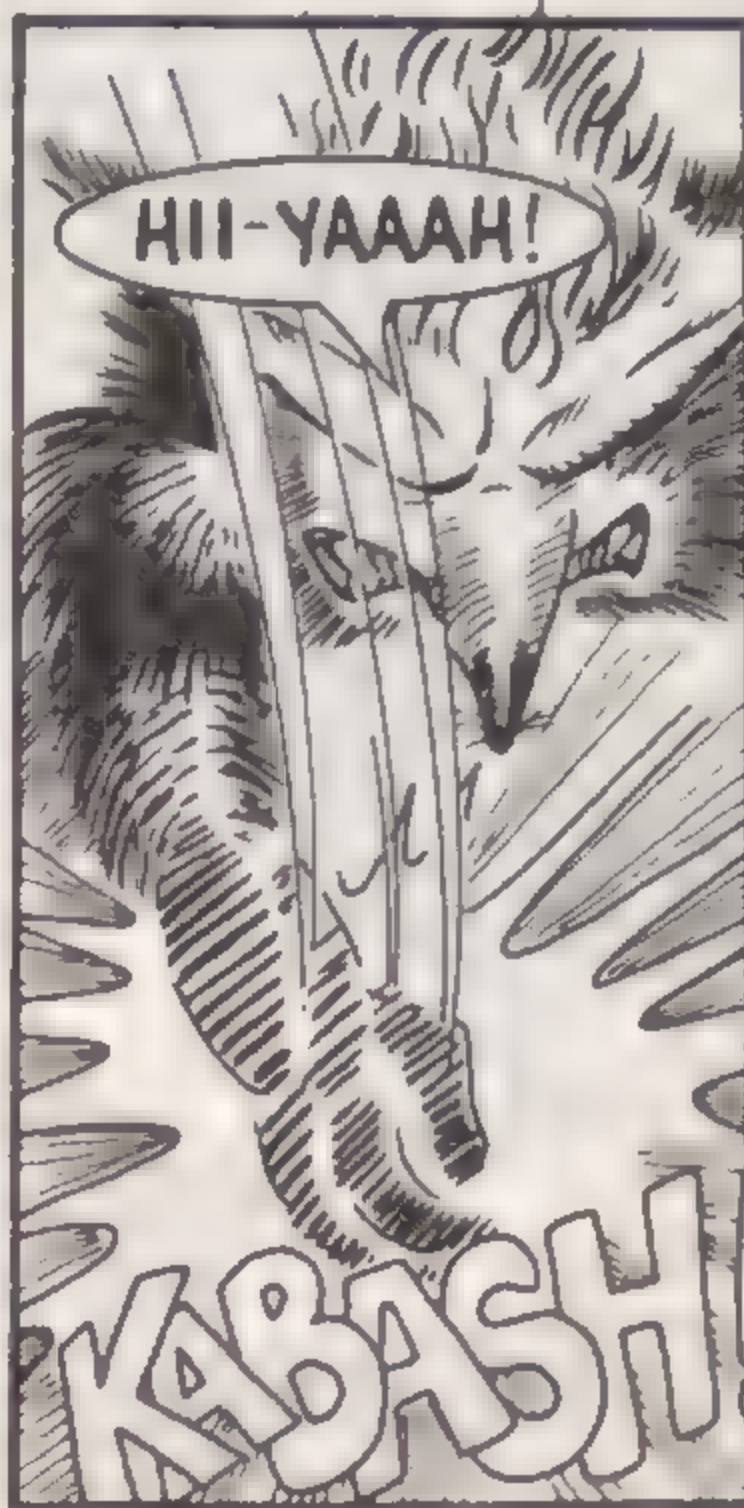
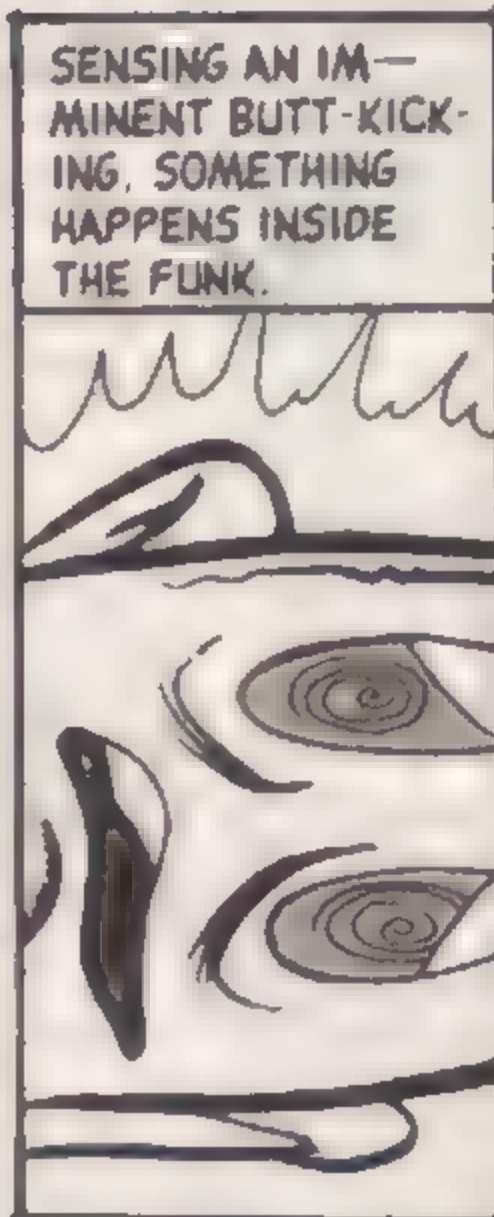
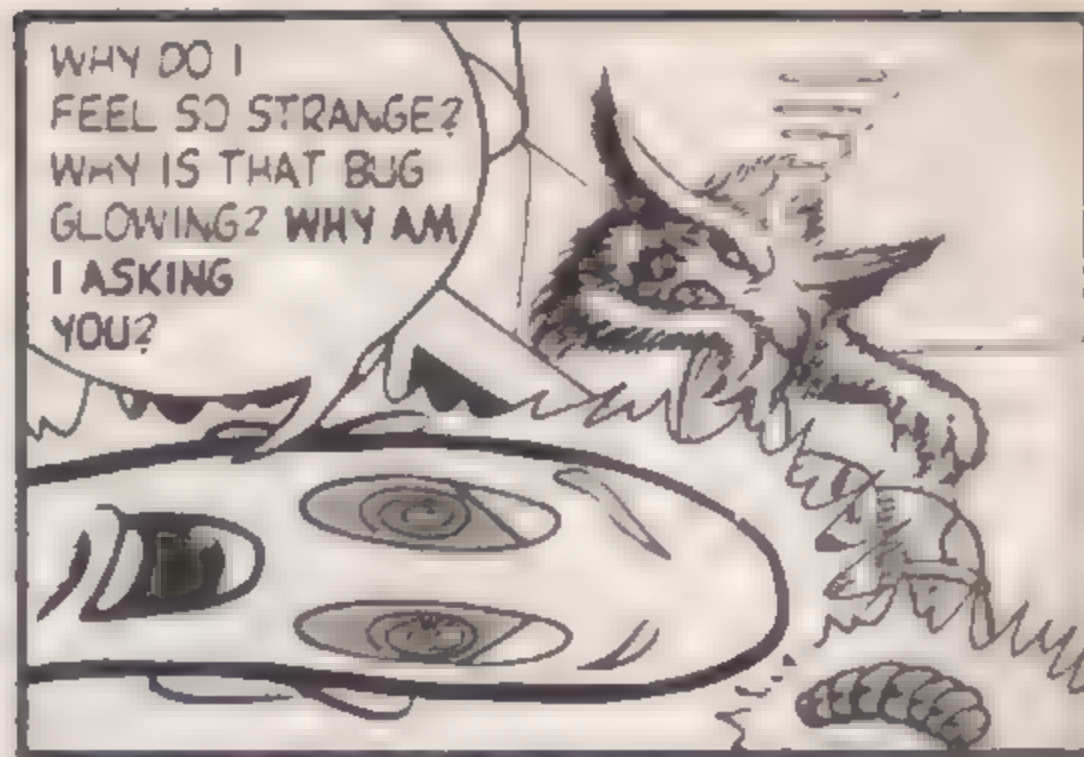
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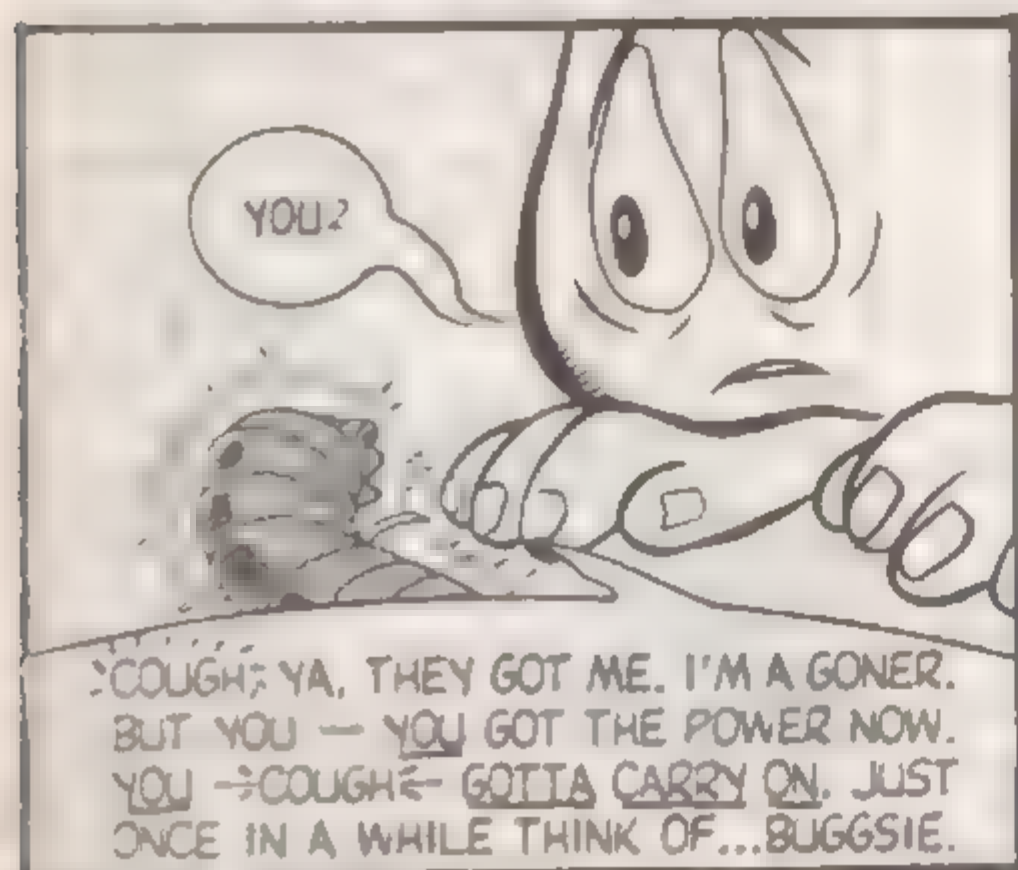
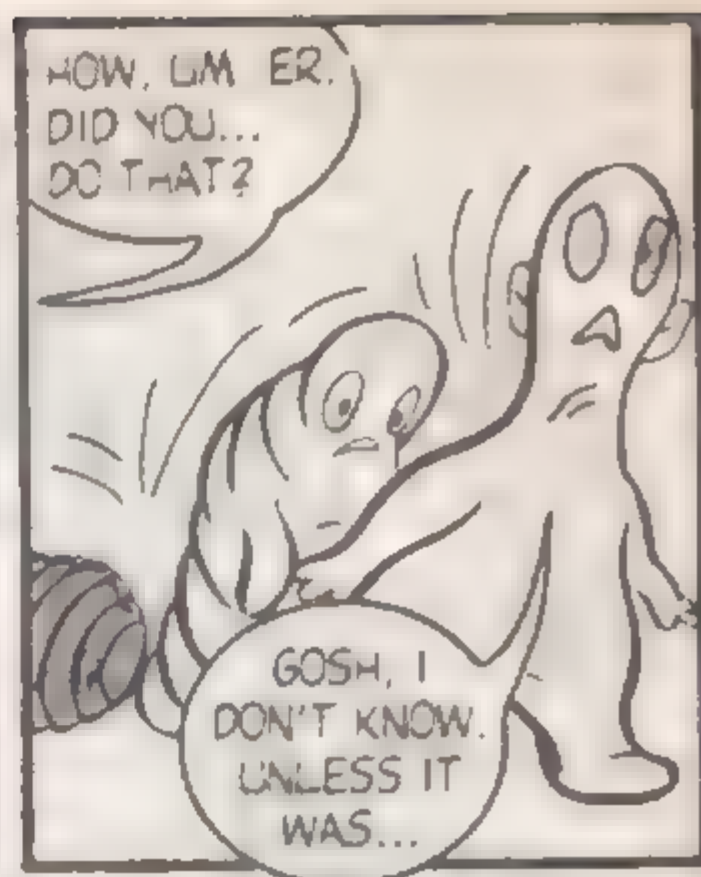
OK, IT'S READY!
THROW THE SWITCH,
OGRE!

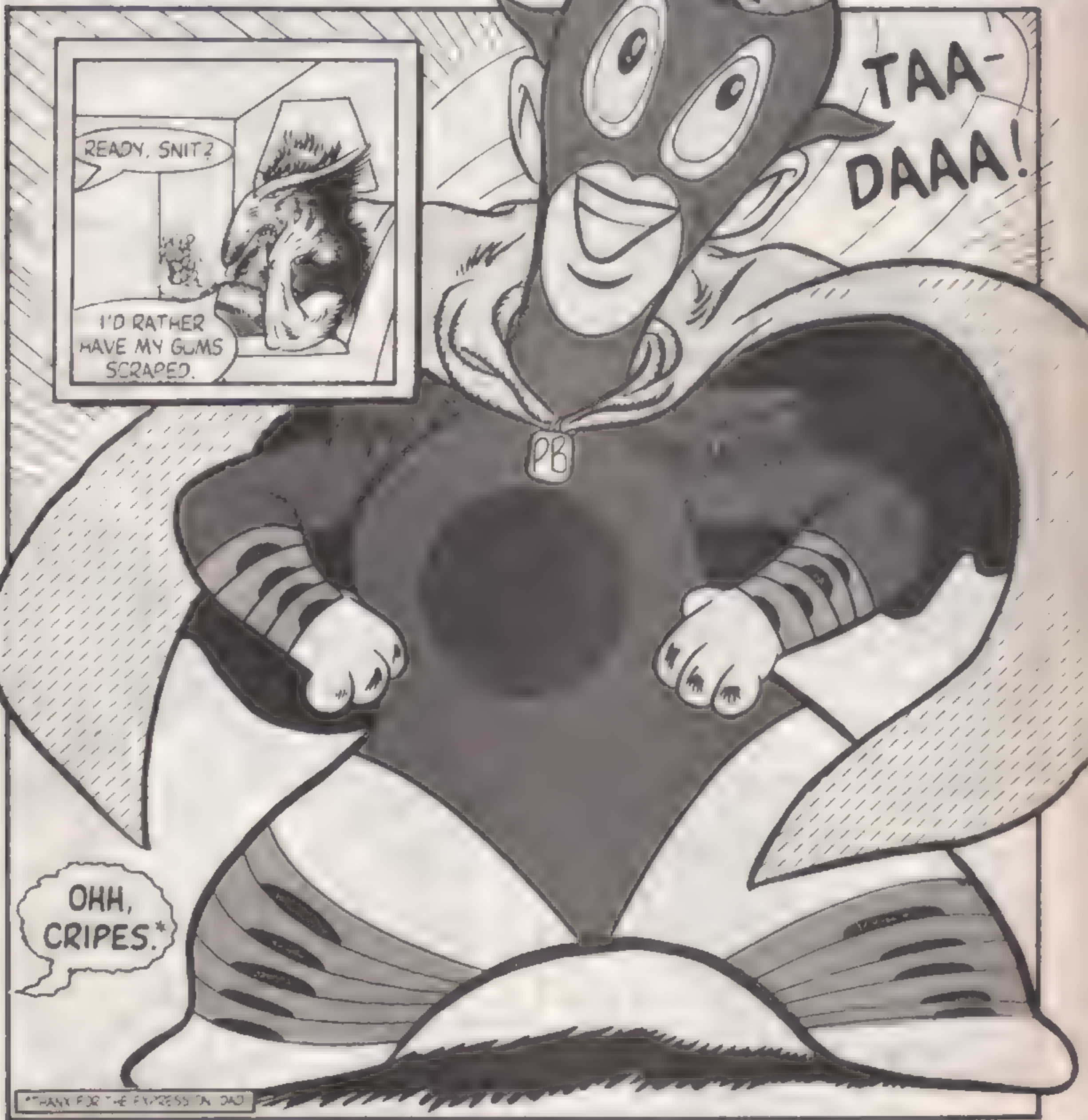
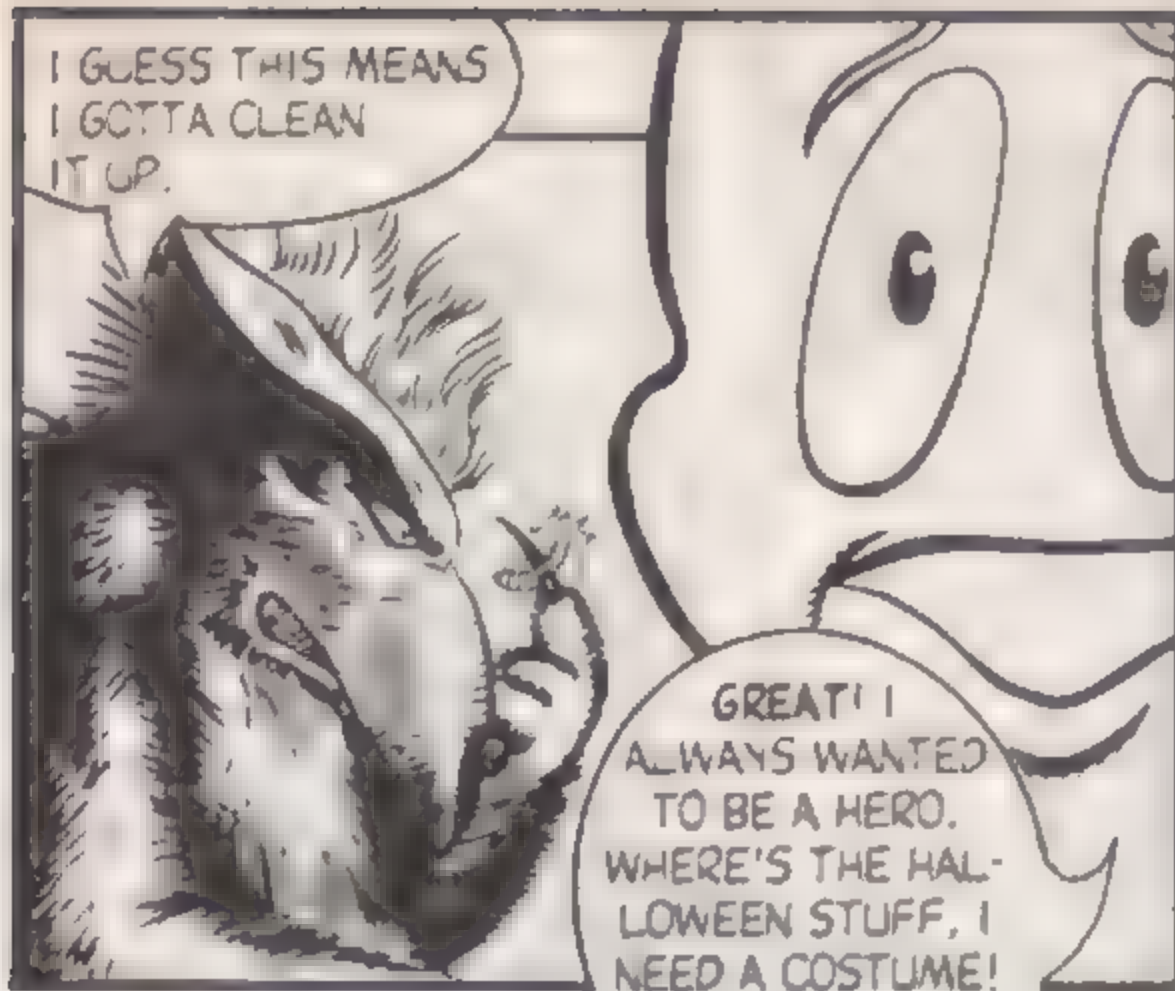
THE SWITCH!
THROW IT! THROW IT!

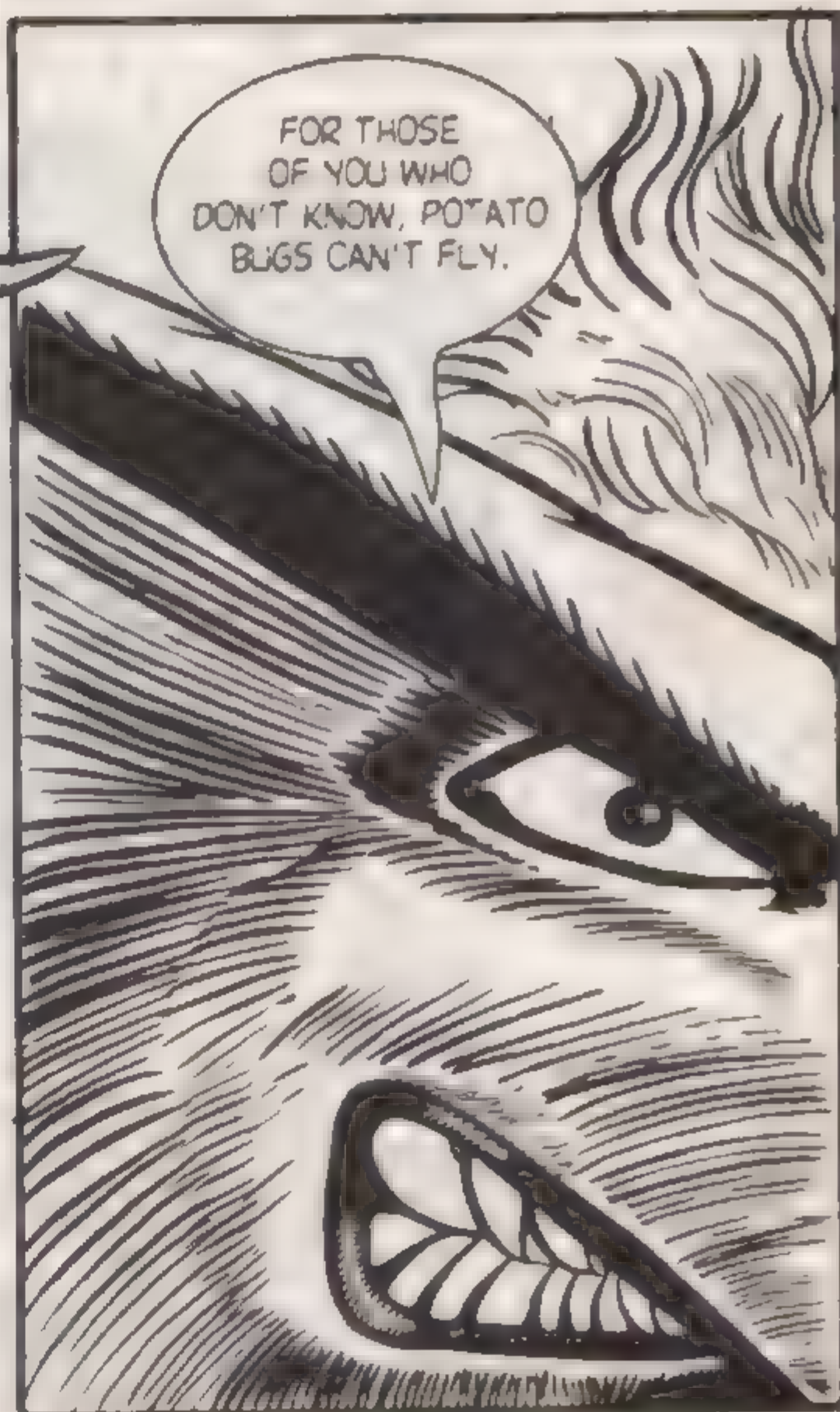
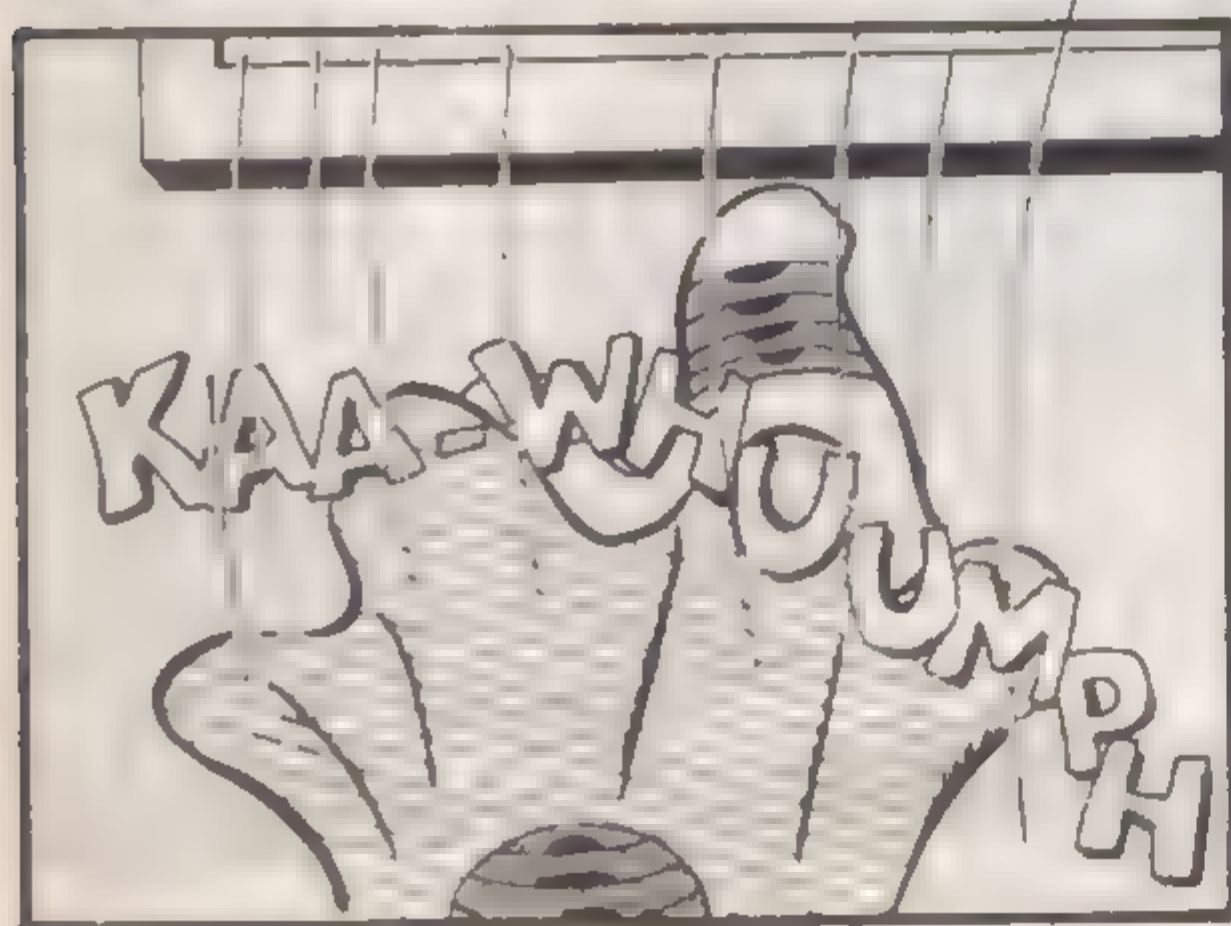
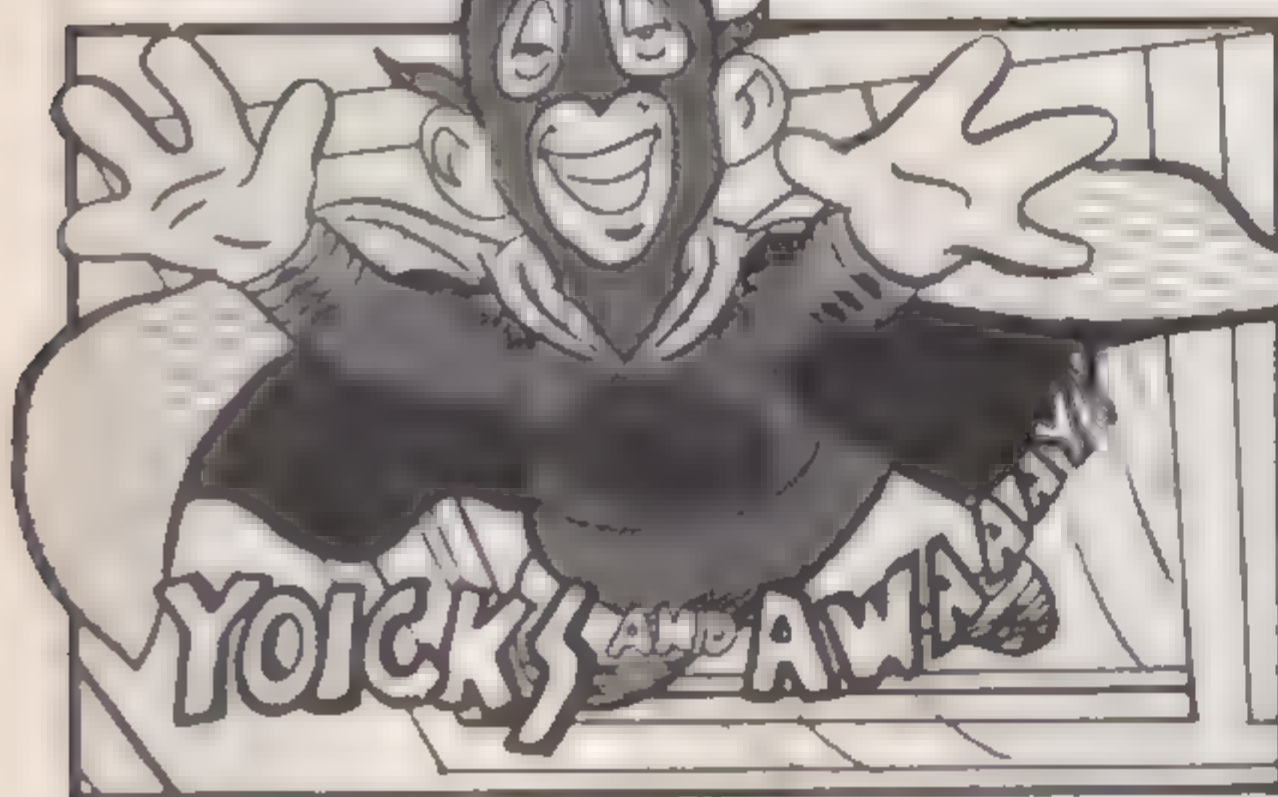
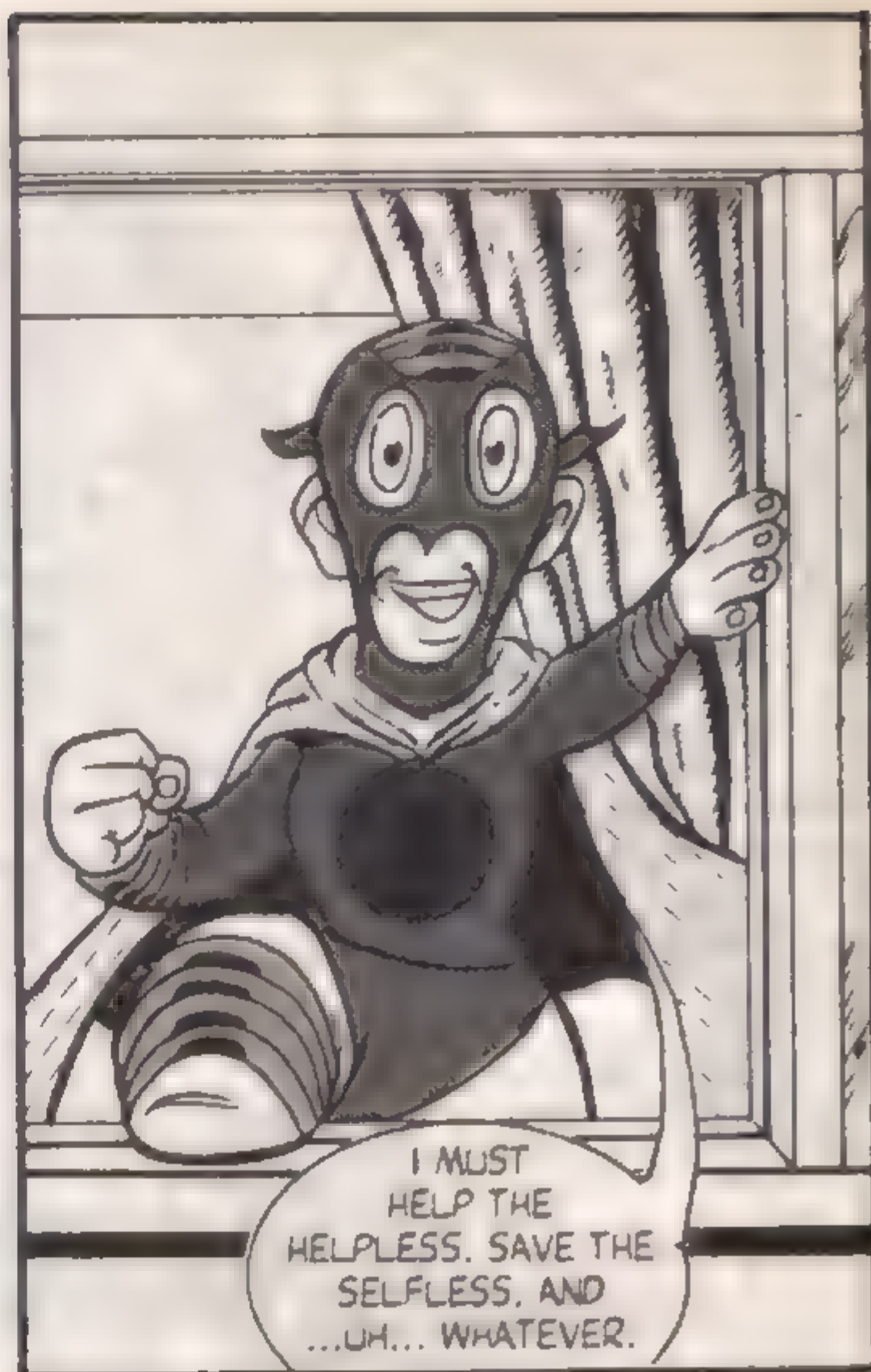




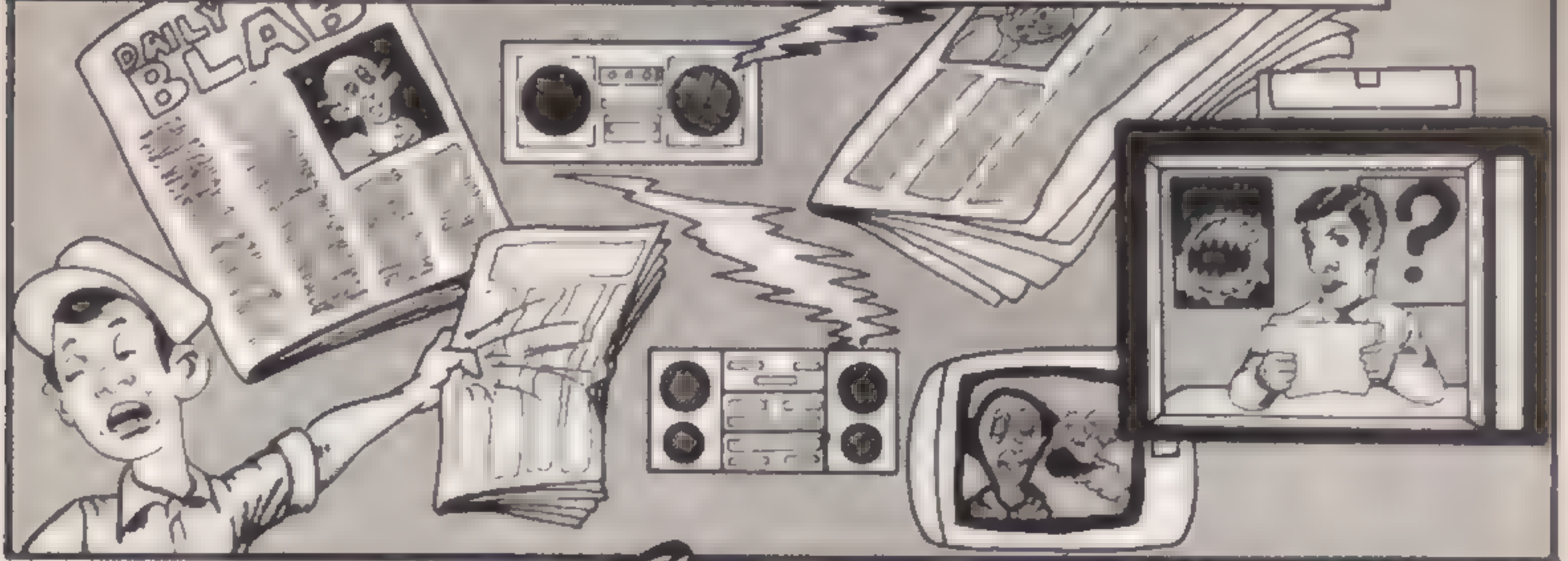








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PUNG!

WHEREVER DANGER LURKS...

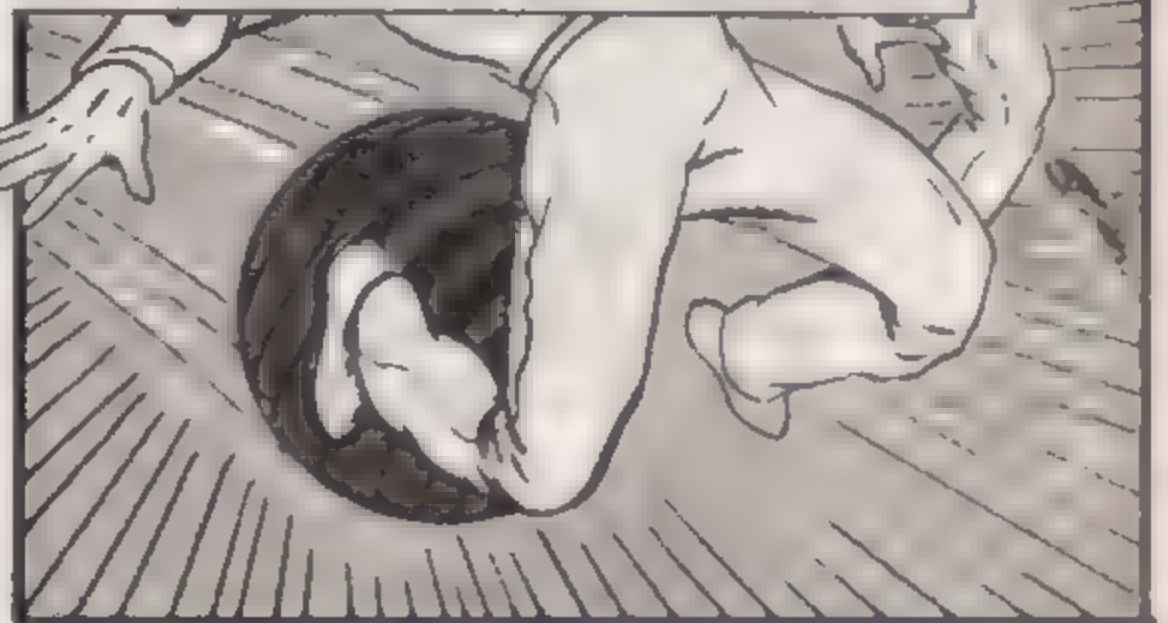
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PANG!

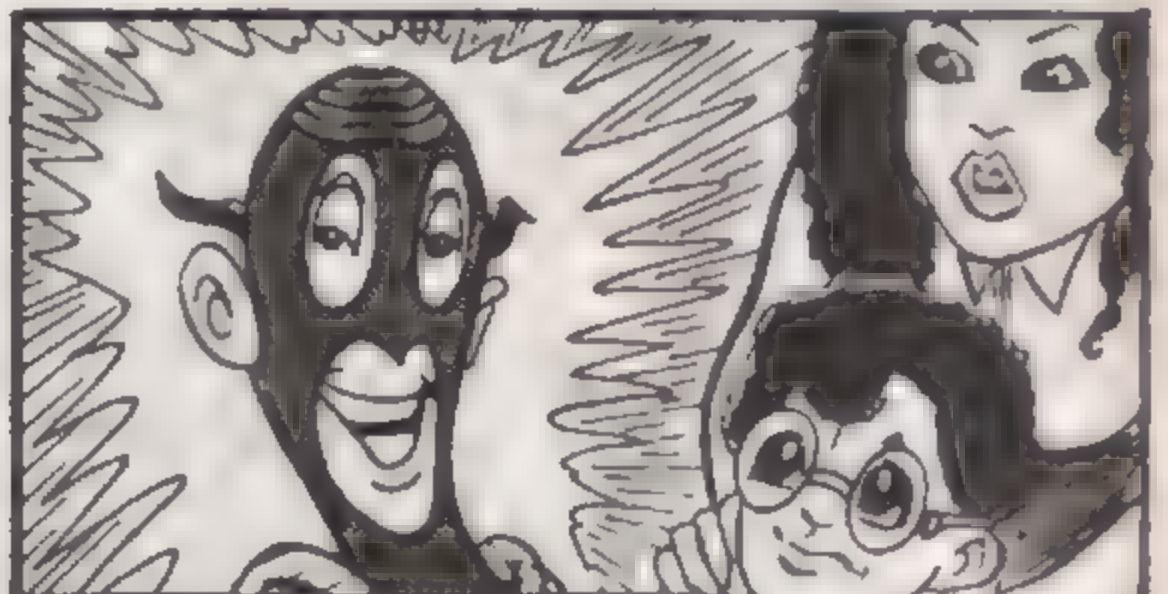
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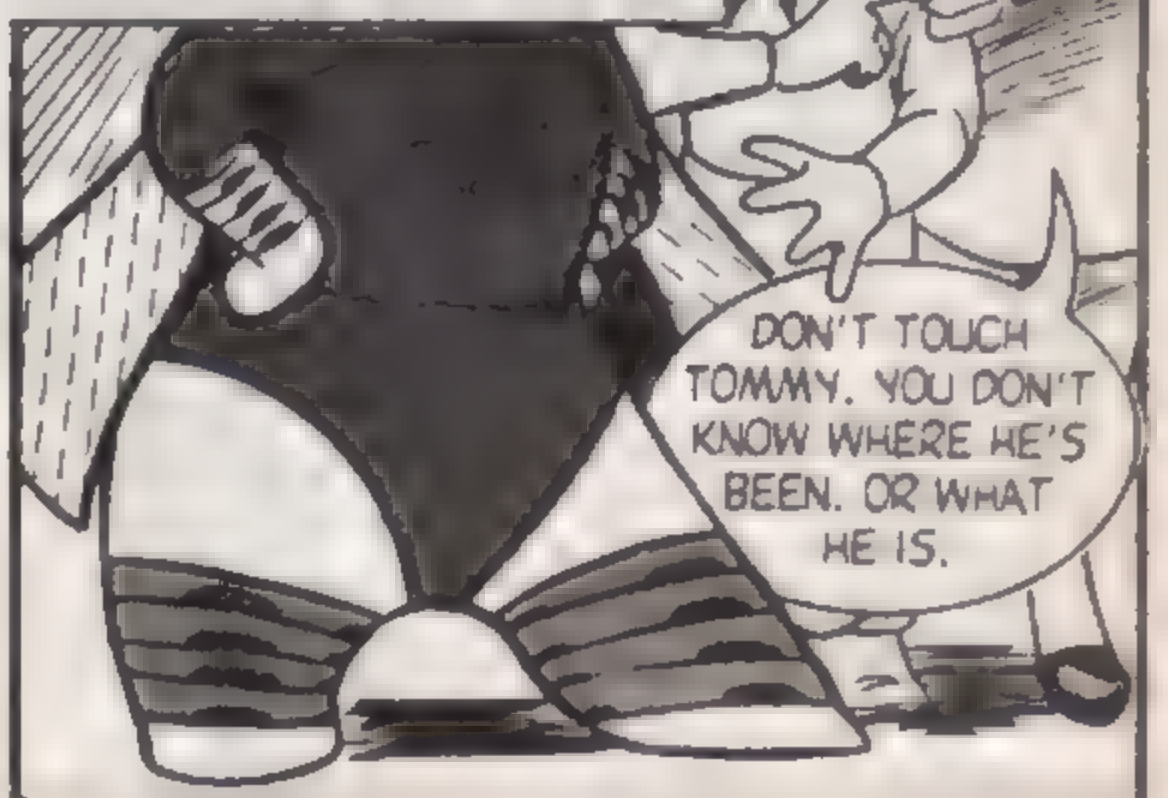
WHEREVER CRIME RAISES IT'S UGLY HEAD...



WHENEVER SAFETY IS THREATENED...



...POTATO BUG MAN IS THERE!



DON'T TOUCH TOMMY. YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S BEEN. OR WHAT HE IS.



IT'S KINDA NICE
WITHOUT THE
LITTLE TWERP
AROUND.



IT IS!!
HOME AGAIN...

RASSAFRAT-
SABLORTEN-
SKREEBLE.

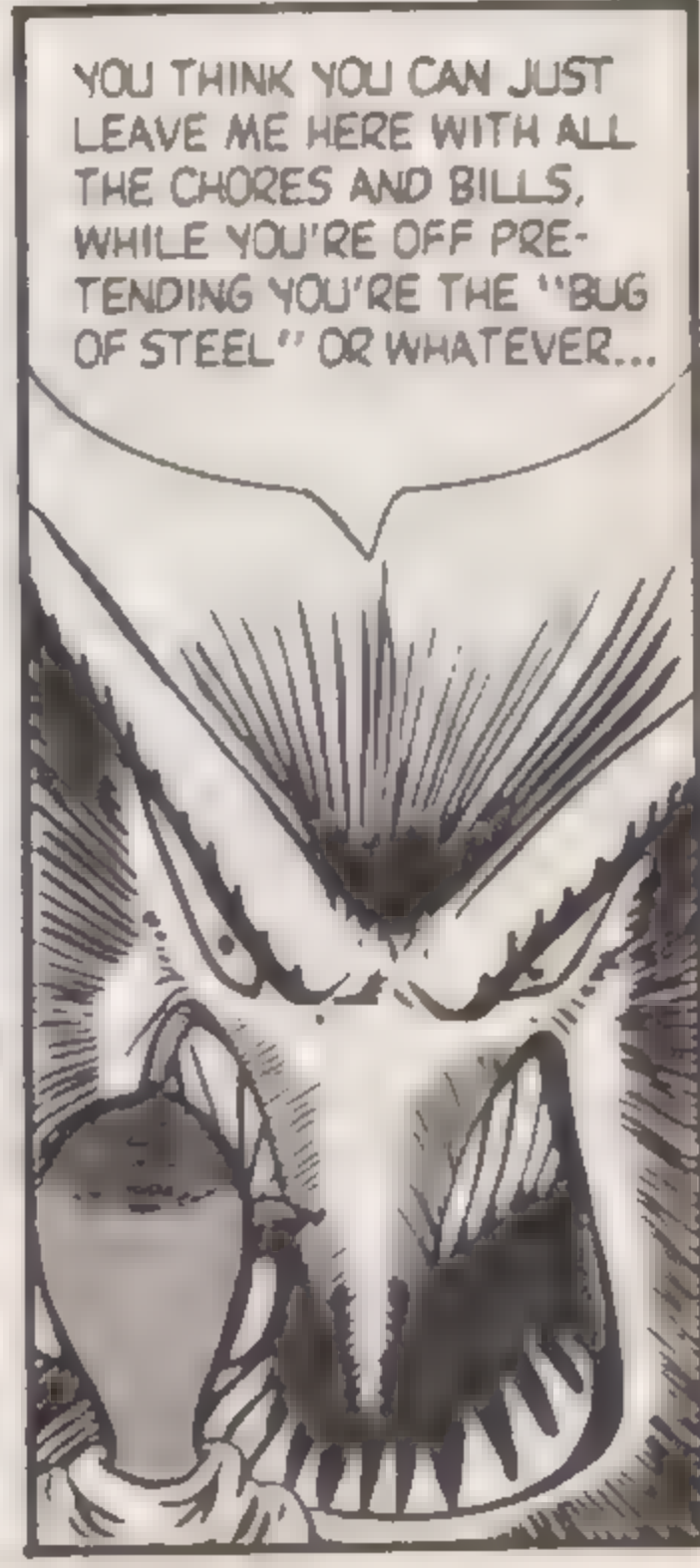
... BACK TO MY
SANCTUM SANCTORUM
TO REST MY WEARY
BONES. GOOD TO SEE
YOU, SNIT OLD
MAN.



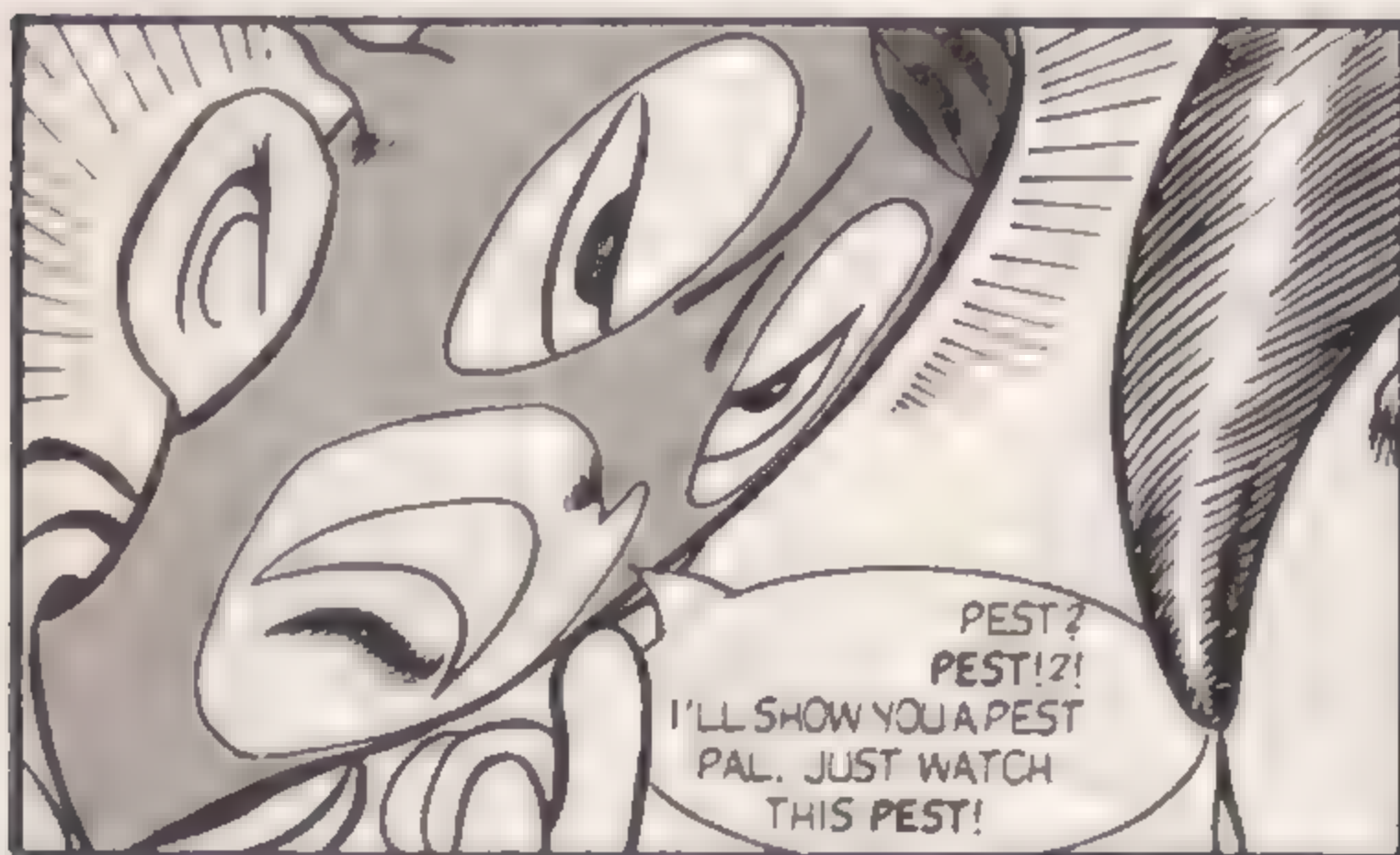
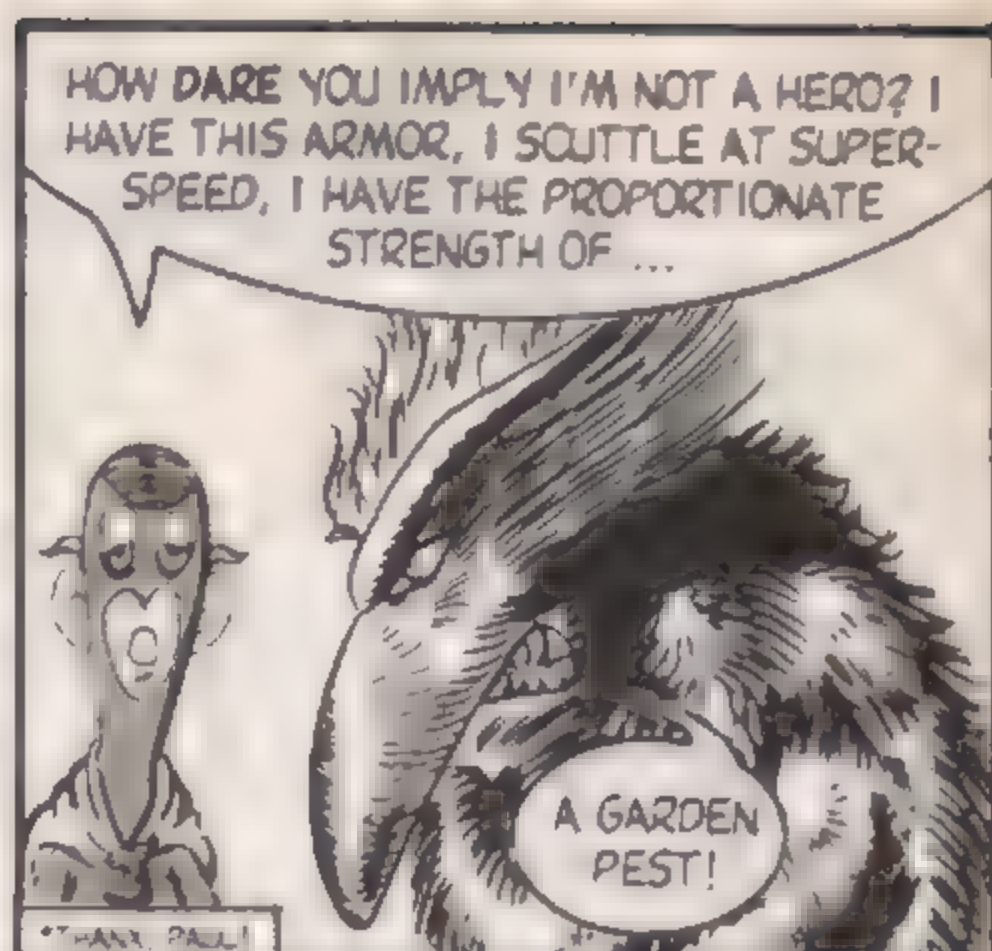
IS
ANYTHING AMISS,
OLD BEAN? YOU SEEM
A SLIGHT BIT
PERTURBED.

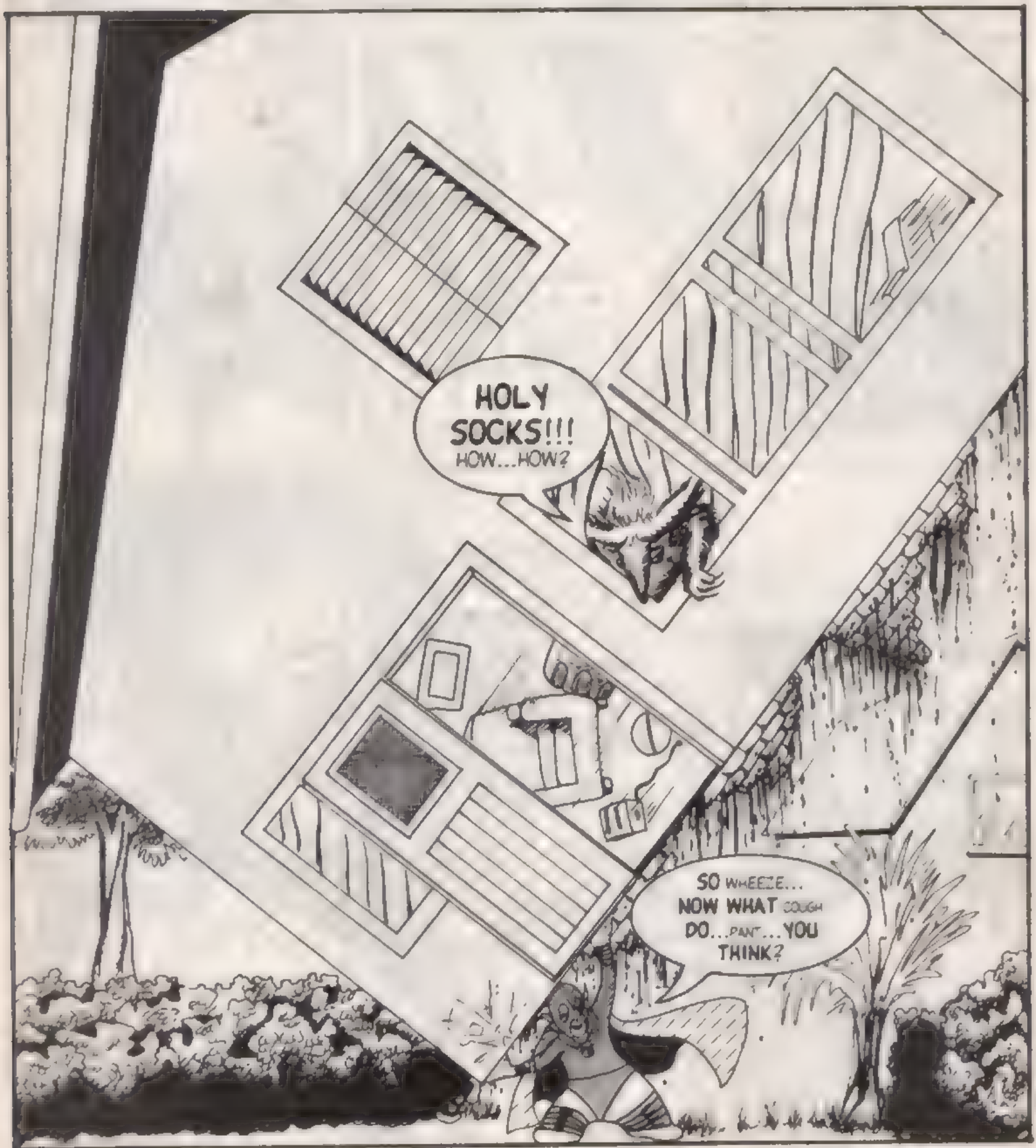
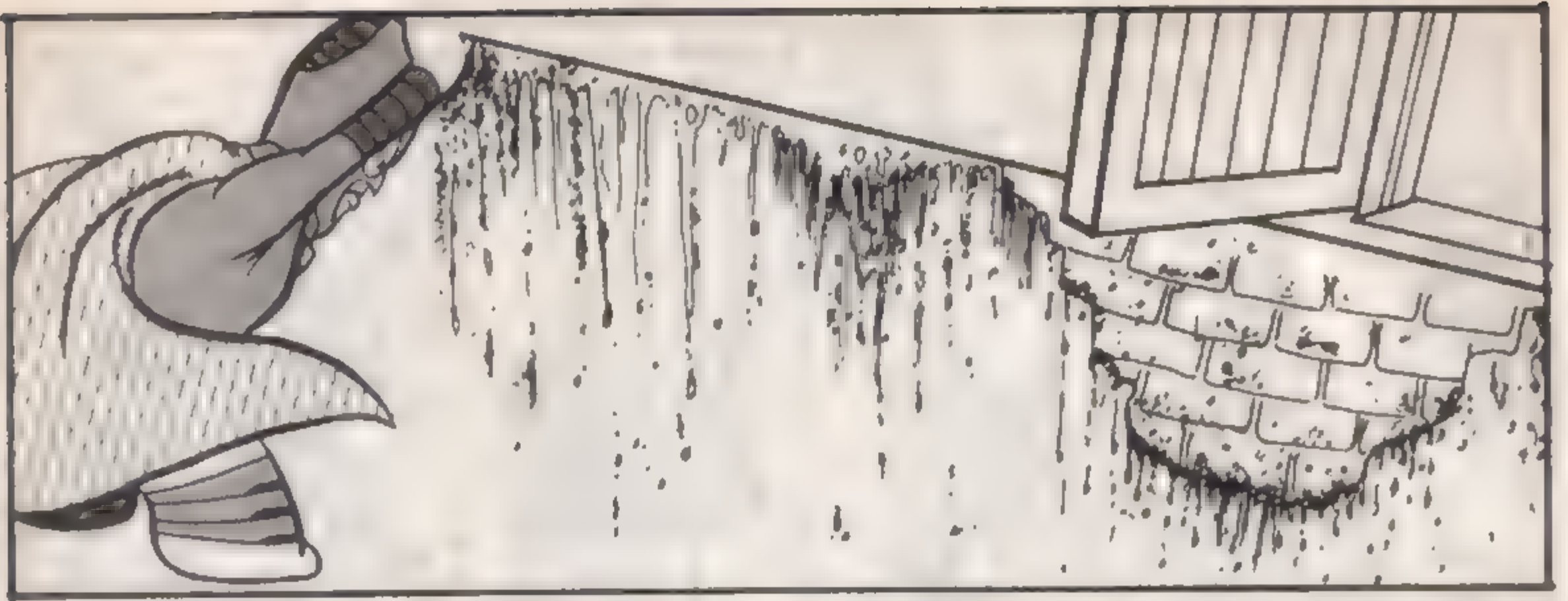


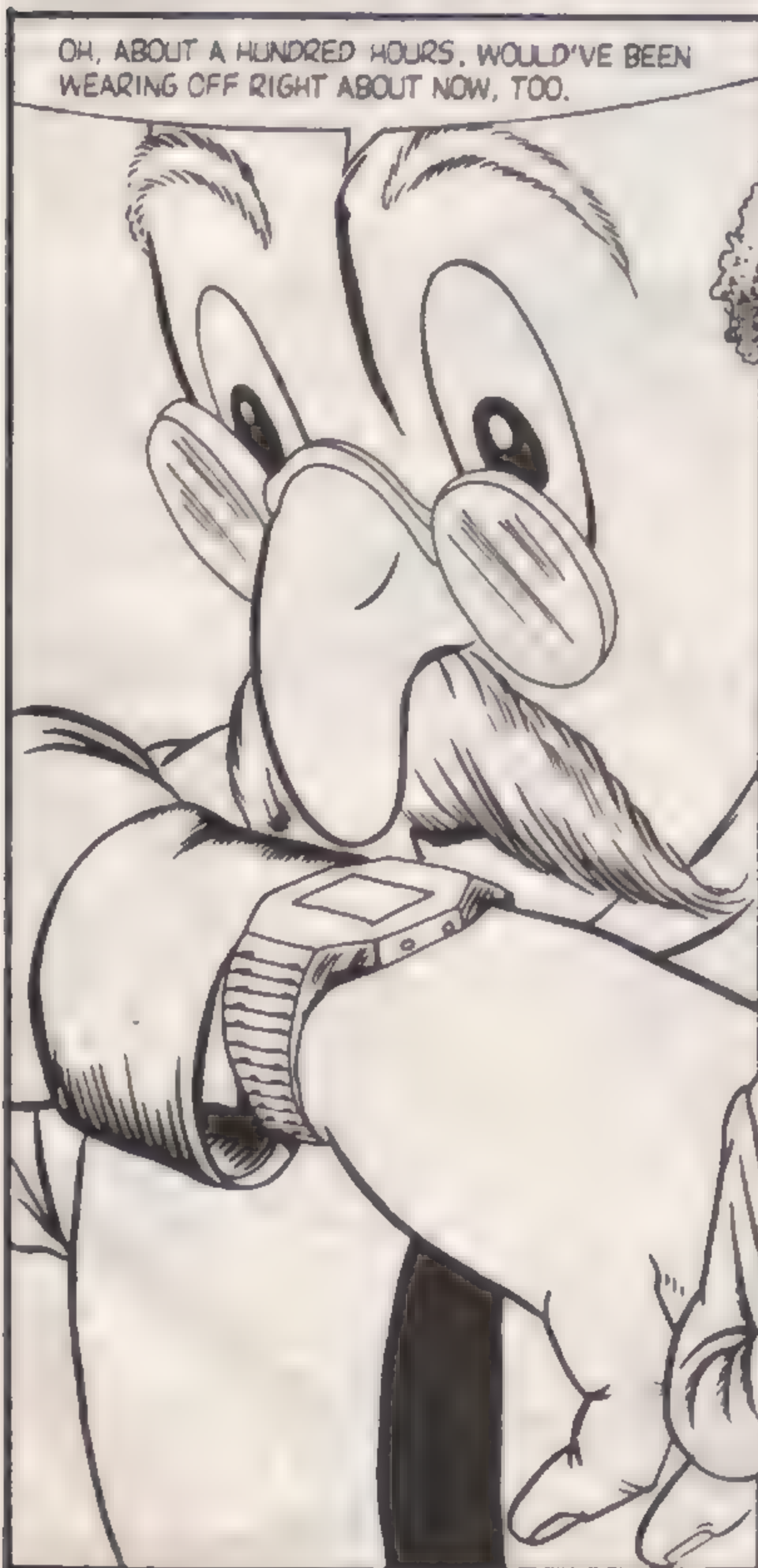
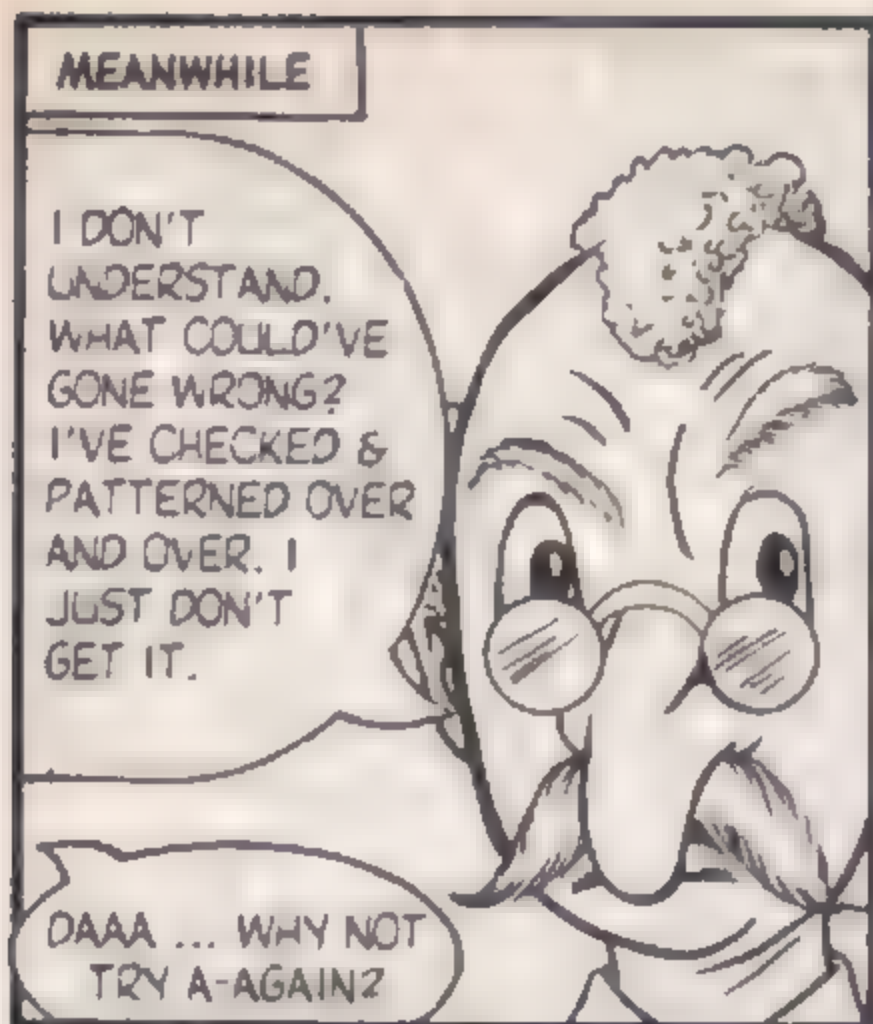
I'M
BENT!!



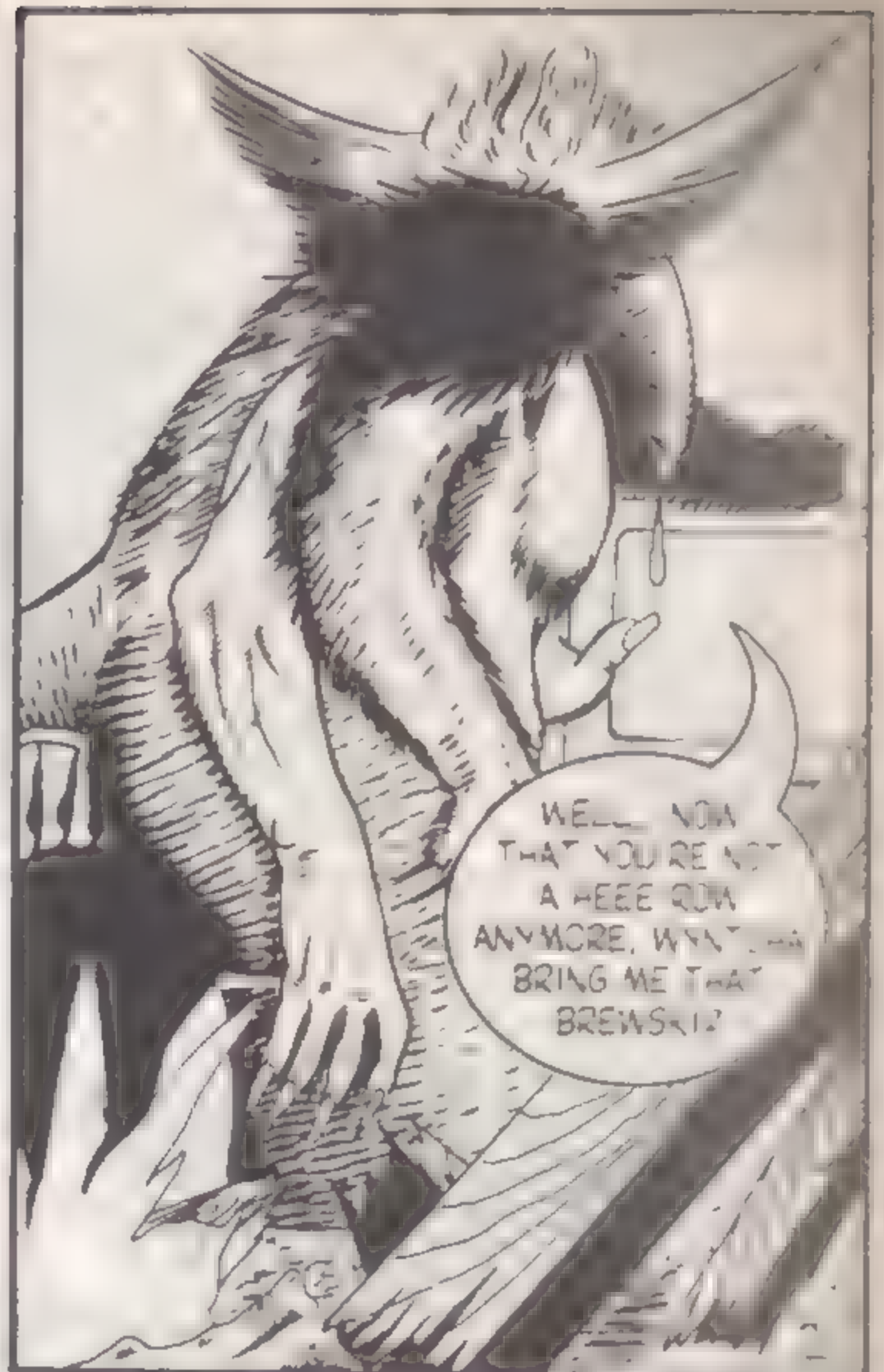
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST
LEAVE ME HERE WITH ALL
THE CHORES AND BILLS,
WHILE YOU'RE OFF PRE-
TENDING YOU'RE THE "BUG
OF STEEL" OR WHATEVER...



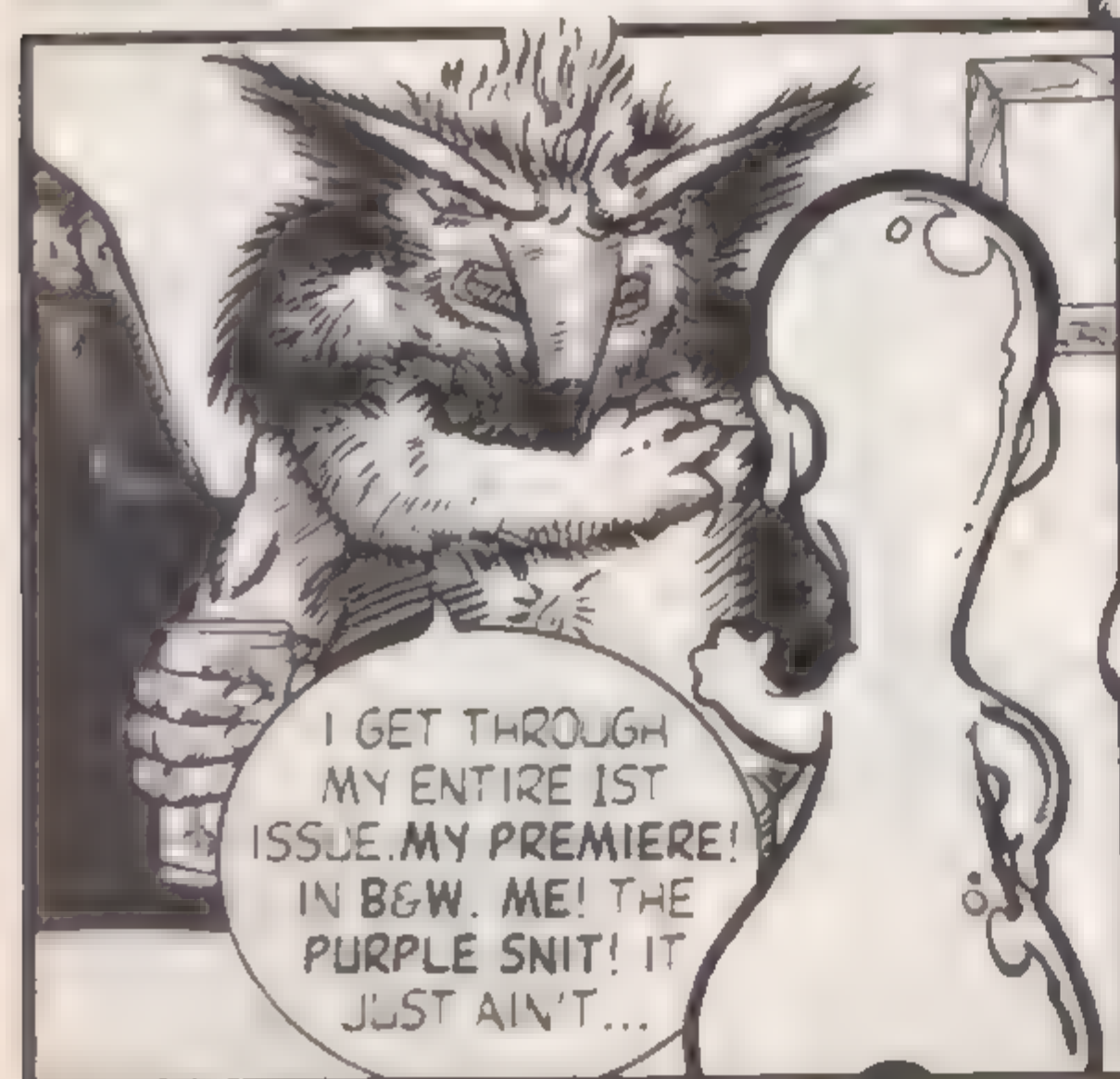
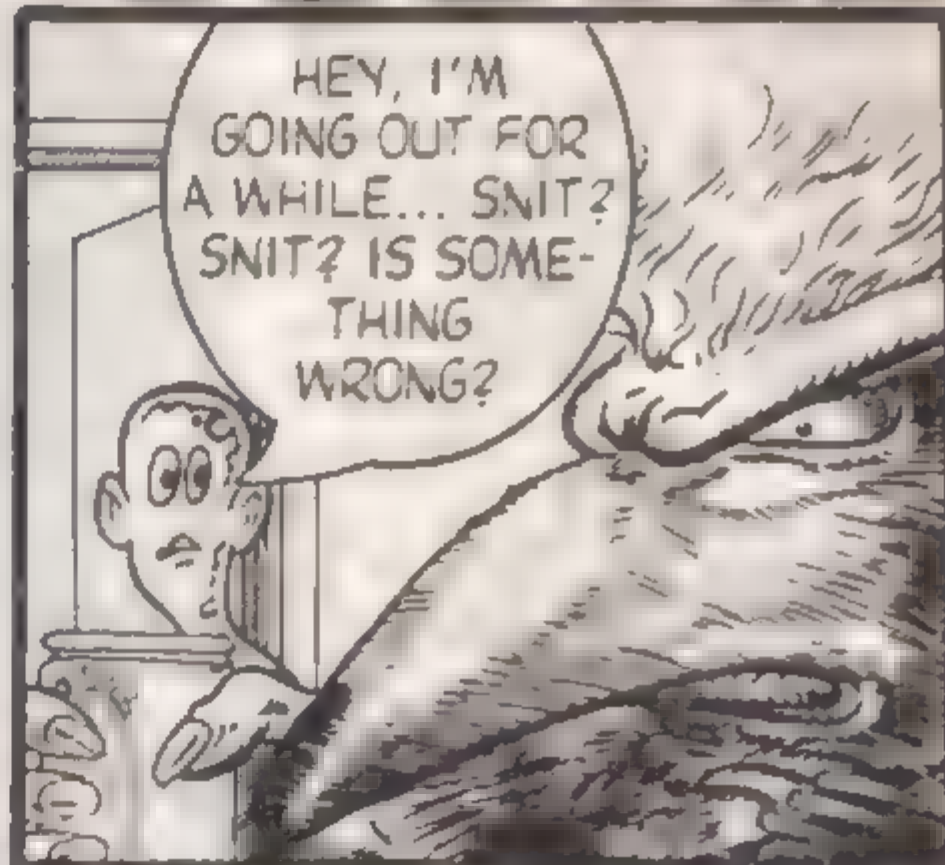
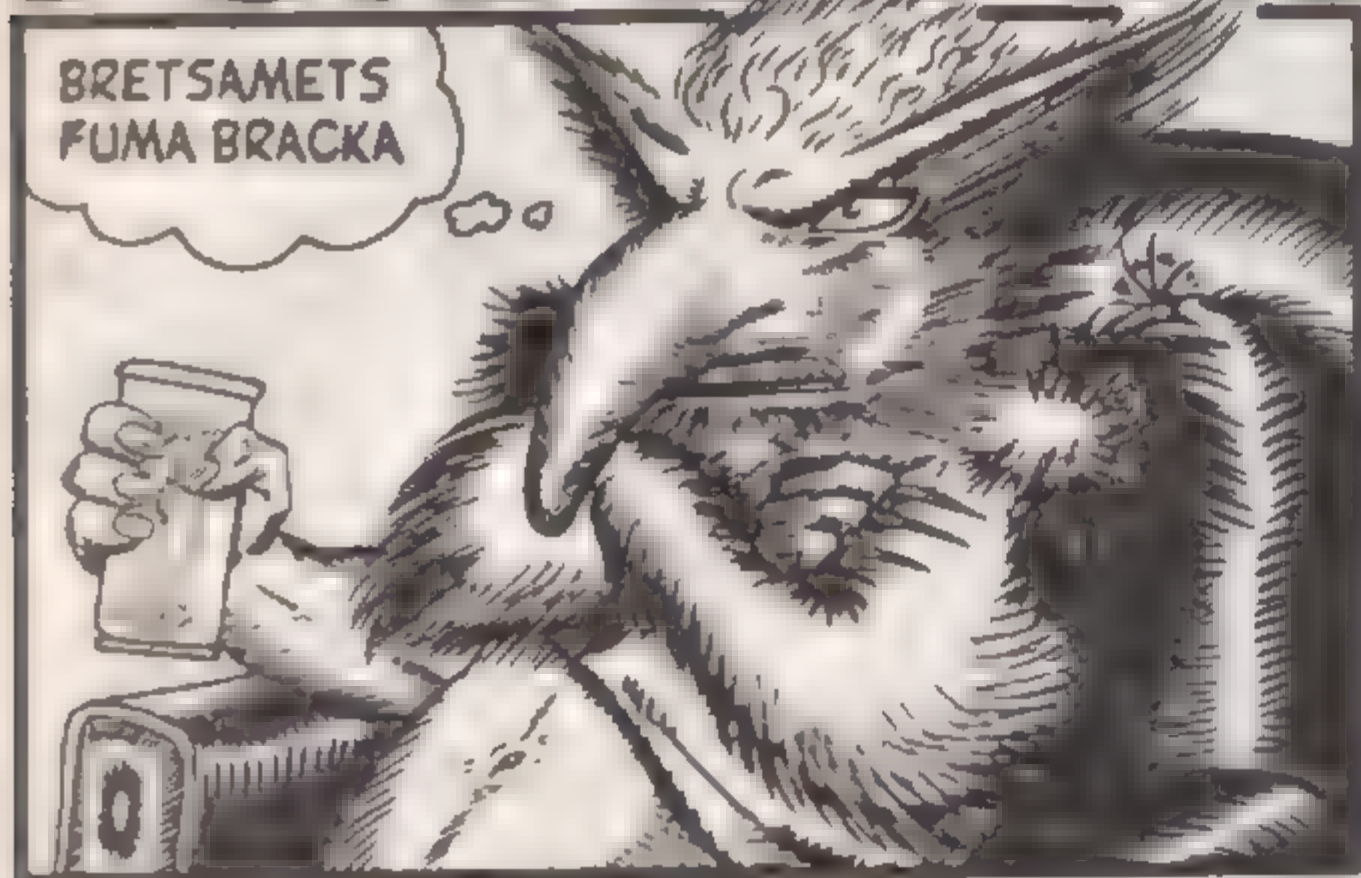


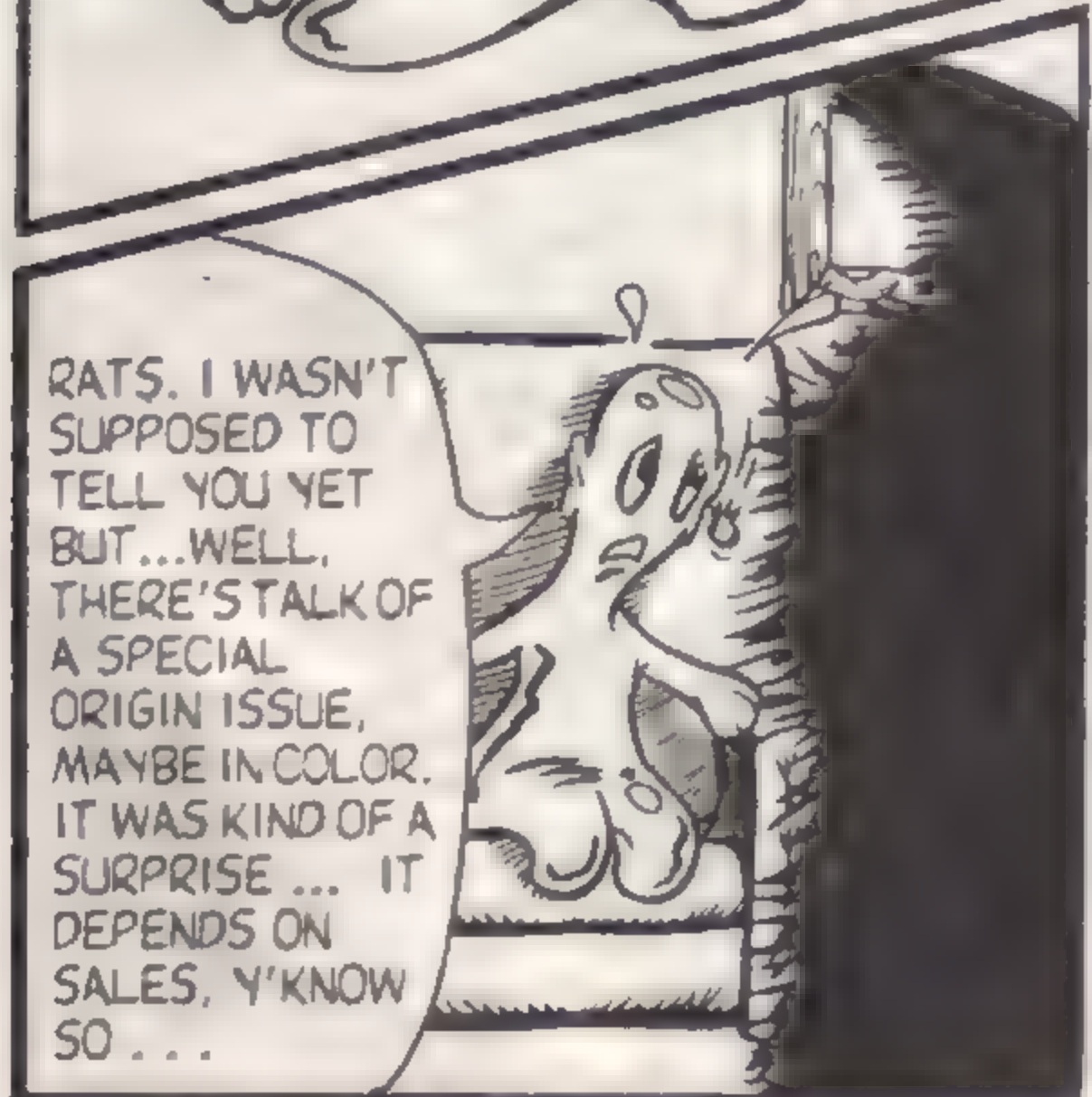






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A. *Looking for a highly-classified microchip in a mountain of fertilizer!*

WHO WILL FIND IT FIRST? The swift and deadly star-nosed miles or . . .
The Cold-Blooded Chameleon Commandos?

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I DON'T
HAFTA GO TO
BED IF I DON'T WANT
TO. IT'S MY BOOK!

GOOD NIGHT!
SEE YOU NEXT
ISSUE!

THANK GOD
IT'S OVER!

GET LOST

